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MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is among Time magazine's 100 most influential people 2020 list, released on Wednesday

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Xi Jinping
Chinese President

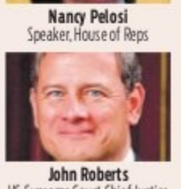
Donald Trump
US President

Angela Merkel
Chancellor of Germany

Nancy Pelosi
Speaker, House of Reps

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India

Joe Biden
US Presidential candidate


John Roberts
US Supreme Court Chief Justice

Yousef Al Otaiba
UAE's Ambassador to the US

TIME

TIME'S FIVE CATEGORIES: PIONEERS, ARTISTS, LEADERS, TITANS & ICONS

PIONEERS

Ravindra Gupta
Indian-origin biologist

Megan Thee Stallion: American rapper, singer and songwriter

Giannis Antetokounmpo: Greek professional basketball player for the Milwaukee Bucks of the National Basketball Association

Julie K Brown: American investigative journalist with the Miami Herald

TITANS

Sundar Pichai
CEO of Alphabet Inc

Dwyane Wade: American former professional basketball player

MacKenzie Scott: American novelist, billionaire, and venture philanthropist

Jerome Powell: Chairman of the Federal Reserve

ICONS

Bilkis
Shaheen Bagh protester

BLACK LIVES MATTER FOUNDERS

Alicia Garza

Patrisse Cullors

Opal Tometi

Lina Attalah
Co-founder and chief editor of Mada Masr, an independent online Egyptian newspaper

ARTISTS

Ayushmann Khurrana
Bollywood actor

Michael B. Jordan: American actor and producer

Selena Gomez: American singer, songwriter, actress, and producer

Ali Wong: Stand-up comedian, actress, and writer

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Chinese spy ring targeting Dalai Lama runs all the way to Karnataka

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

AMIDST the unabated tensions between India and China on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh, Indian agencies have unearthed an embedded espionage network of Chinese nationals, who are reportedly using hawala networks to send money to some Tibetan monks through their families in Tibet in return for sensitive information about the Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.

Chinese national Luo Sang alias Charlie Peng, who was arrested on September 13 by the Delhi Special Police on charges of espionage, had reportedly cultivated 'assets' right from Delhi to Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka, which have the largest Tibetan settlements in the country. McLeodganj near Dharamshala in HP is the headquarters of Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), where the Dalai Lama also resides.

Luo was running an over ₹1,000 crore hawala operation through shell companies and 40 bank accounts at the behest of the Chinese external intelligence agency, the Ministry of State Security (MSS).

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), which has booked Luo under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), has reportedly tracked the money trail from his shell companies to Delhi, HP and Karnataka, highly placed sources told this newspaper. "One of the

Luo Sang, who has been booked by the ED under the PMLA laws

reasons why the MSS used the hawala route to help Luo allegedly infiltrate Tibetan settlements in the country is because there are no banking channels or financial services between India and Tibet," said the source.

"Some families in Tibet have traditionally been sending money to their kin in India, who are studying Tibetan Buddhism to become monks, so as to help them with the rituals which are required to be conducted to complete their graduation. In the absence of any legitimate banking channel, hawala is the only route through which money is sent from Tibet to India," said the source. Hawala is illegal in India because it operates outside the conventional banking system.

A multi-agency team of officials from the ED, Intelligence Bureau, Income Tax Department and the Karnataka police have visited the monasteries in Bylakuppe and Mundgod in Karnataka and have questioned some monks and local residents in this regard.

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Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad and other Opposition leaders before addressing the media, after a meeting with President Ramnath Kovind over the recent farm sector reform bills, in New Delhi on Wednesday | PTI

Dassault yet to fulfil Rafale offset obligations, says CAG

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) on Wednesday questioned India's offset policy and came down heavily on foreign vendors for not fulfilling their offset commitments.

In its report titled 'CAG's Performance Audit Report on Management of Defence Offset', the national auditor pointed out that French aerospace major Dassault Aviation and European missile maker MBDA, which supplied armaments for the Rafale jets, have not yet discharged their 30% offset obligation.

India received the delivery of the first batch of five Rafale fighter jets from the French manufacturer on July 29. They were formally inducted in the Indian Air Force on September 10.

The total value of the Rafale deal is ₹59,000 crore. Opposition parties had alleged irregularities in the fighter jet deal.

"In many cases, it was found that the foreign vendors made various offset commitments to qualify for the main supply contract but later, were not earnest about fulfilling these commitments," the financial watchdog said in its report.

Policy review call

In view of the fact that the offset policy has not yielded the desired results, the CAG suggested the government review the policy

Giving example of Dassault Aviation, the CAG said, "In the offset 4 contract relating to 36 Medium Multi-Role Combat Aircraft, the vendors Dassault Aviation and MBDA initially proposed (September 2015) to discharge 30% of their offset obligation by offering high technology to DRDO." But they have not confirmed the technology transfer till date, it observed.

DRDO wanted to obtain technical assistance for the indigenous development of engine (Kaveri) for the Light Combat Aircraft Tejas.

Till date, the vendor has not confirmed the transfer of this technology, it said. As per the deal, the company has to invest 50% of the worth of the deal back in India as offset obligations. The investment amounted to around ₹30,000 crore for which a number of Indian firms, including Anil Ambani's Reliance Defence, were chosen. This became a major controversy since the company was totally new in this sector.

India adopted the offset policy for defence capital purchases in 2005, according to which all capital purchases above ₹300 crore through imports will have the foreign vendor invest at least 30% of the value of the purchase in India.

IPL MATCH TODAY

Royal Challengers Bangalore will face Kings XI Punjab in their second match in Dubai on Thursday. Bangalore have won their opening match while Punjab lost their first in a Super Over. Opener Devdutt Padikkal will be on focus again for Virat Kohli's men, while leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi will the one to watch out for for Punjab.

ODDS: KXIP 6/5 RCB 8/11

LIVE: STAR SPORTS1/ HOTSTAR @ 7.30PM

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT

Mumbai Indians beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 49 runs after posting 195/5. Skipper Rohit Sharma top-scored with 80.

KKR

PICKS UP STAKE IN RELIANCE RETAIL

The US private equity firm will invest ₹5,550 crore to buy 1.28% stake, which will take the Indian retail company to a pre-money equity value of ₹4.21 lakh crore | P12

RS clears 15 bills in 2 days amidst Oppn's boycott

Parliament's nod to labour code revamp bills; 50 laws approved in both Houses; session ends

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

OVER 100 per cent productivity in a truncated monsoon session. That is a landmark the Rajya Sabha could have been proud of had the situation been normal. But the target was achieved amid the absence of the Opposition, which has been boycotting the session since Tuesday over the suspension of eight members from the House for unruly behaviour.

As many as 15 weighty bills were passed between Tuesday and Wednesday in the space of nearly seven-and-a-half hours in the Upper House. In other words, one bill every 30 minutes. Legislative agenda wrapped up, both Houses were then adjourned *sine die*.

As for the Opposition, it held a silent march on Parliament's premises over three farm sector reform bills and later met President Ram Nath Kovind to request him return the "unconstitutional" pieces of legislation.

Eighteen political parties had earlier written to Kovind expressing concern over the manner in which the farm bills were passed in the House of Elders. However, in view of the Covid-19 situation, only Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad got to meet the President.

In just 10 sittings, the Rajya Sabha passed as many as 25 bills. An equal number of bill were passed in the Lok Sabha. "The productivity of the House during this session has been 100.47 per cent," Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu said in his valedictory address.

Prominent among the eight bills cleared in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday were three on labour code reforms, despite floor leaders of 12 Opposition parties jointly urging Naidu not to let them pass without proper discussion.

"These bills affect the livelihood of crores of workers across the country. It will be a great blot on our democracy to have these bills pass unilaterally today," the Opposition wrote. Referring to it, Naidu cited precedents when business was taken up as per schedule and bills approved during boycott or walkout by some members.

Replying to the debate on the three labour reforms bills, minister Santosh Gangwar said they will provide a transparent system to suit the changed business environment.

The Lok Sabha "registered 167 per cent productivity," said Speaker Om Birla. P9

BMS hits out at Modi govt over labour bills

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), an RSS affiliate, on Wednesday hit out at the Centre for ignoring its objections to the labour reform bills. It accused the BJP-led government of pandering to the whims of corporates while turning a blind eye to the needs of employees.

"The BMS and other trade unions had given detailed objections to the previous draft of the Industrial Relations Code. None of the objections raised by the BMS and other trade unions as well as the recommendations of PSCL (Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour) in favour of workers was considered in the revised draft," said BMS secretary-general Vrijesh Upadhyay.

He alleged the Industrial Relations Code is tilted too much in favour of employers and bureaucrats. "The last-minute mutilations will adversely affect industrial peace in the country. Some important changes, like that on standing orders, were not even discussed in the consultation process, which is a violation of the ILO Convention 144 ratified by Indian Parliament," he added.

The BMS said the new law is a clear attempt to diminish the role of trade unions.

The Sangh said the decision to allow companies with up to 300 employees to fire workers and close down units without government permission will promote "ease of closing business, not ease of doing business".

State's Covid fatality rate dipping, CM tells Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa, who interacted with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday regarding the Covid-19 situation, pointed out that the fatality rate in Karnataka was coming down and presently stands at 1.54 per cent, while it was 2.6 per cent in July.

The PM held a video conference with the CMs of the seven high Covid-prevalence states — Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab — to take stock of the situation.

Yediyurappa informed the PM that the state has set up 136 testing laboratories and testing has been increased to about 70,000 samples per day. So far, about 43 lakh samples have been tested. All symptomatic patients are shifted to hospitals immediately after the test results are out and a target has been set to identify all contacts of Covid-19 positive cases in 24 to 48 hours and quarantine them, he said.

The CM said the number of oxygen beds in government hospitals has been increased from 7,000 to 18,000, and will be further enhanced to 31,000. Over 3,000 ICU beds in government and private hospitals have been reserved for Covid patients. Besides standard treatment, "We are also ensuring that patients are given 'novel drugs', including Remdesivir, for free."

The government has also made available 2,000 ambulances, he said.

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EXPRESS READ

Indian economy to contract 5.4%: UN

United Nations: Impacted by disruptions caused by Covid, India's economy is forecast to contract by 5.9 per cent in 2020, the UN has said in a report, warning that while growth will rebound next year, the contraction may translate into income loss.

Union Minister Angadi succumbs to Covid-19

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi/Bengaluru/Belagavi

UNION Minister of State for Railways, Suresh Angadi, succumbed to the novel coronavirus on Wednesday evening at AIIMS, Delhi. According to AIIMS sources, the 65-year-old minister breathed his last around 8pm.

Angadi, a Lok Sabha MP from Belagavi constituency, was diagnosed with Covid-19 two weeks ago. He was asymptomatic then, but was admitted to AIIMS after his condition deteriorated. Angadi is the second member of parliament from Karnataka who died due to Covid-19. Rajya Sabha MP Ashok Gasti (55) died in Bengaluru on September 17.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted about the death of the minister and offered his condolences. "Shri Suresh Angadi was an exceptional Karyakarta, who worked hard to make the party strong in Karnataka. He was a dedicated MP

and effective minister, admired across the spectrum. His demise is saddening. My thoughts are with his family and friends in this sad hour. Om Shanti," he tweeted.

Hailing from a poor farmer's family in KK Kop near Belagavi, Suresh Angadi not only established his business empire in the last three decades, but won four Lok Sabha elections in a row.

He was inducted into the Union Cabinet as Minister of State for Railways after the 2019 win from Belagavi.

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MOVING ON

Consortium, NLSIU look to mend ties

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
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THOUGH the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) had pulled out of the Consortium of National Law Universities, followed by reports of its Vice-Chancellor Sudhir Krishnaswamy being divested of his functions as secretary-treasurer of the consortium, it now appears that no harm was done to the relationship between the two.

In fact, a reconciliation between the top law institute and the consortium, who had public fall out recently, is in the offing.

Faizan Mustafa, former president, Consortium of National Law Universities, and the senior-most member of the Consortium of National Law Universities, said he was "hopeful that bygones will be treated as bygones."

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Worst over for IT biz as cos eye more deals, buys

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

DESPITE a substantial decline in profits the leading IT service providers witnessed in the quarter gone by (April- June FY 21), the sector is headed for a strong comeback even as the overseas markets still remain challenged by the Covid pandemic. Industry experts expect tier 1 and mid-tier IT service companies to post a marginal growth in the range of 3-5% quarter-on-quarter (QoQ), although the revenues as well as profits will nowhere be close to what was seen last year. The wave of layoffs triggered by the pandemic in the industry is also likely to stabilise in the next few months, as financials improve.

Companies like Infosys, HCL Tech have already provided their revenue guidance for the quarter ended September FY21 and are hopeful of increased revenue growth as well as net profits on the back of strong deal pipeline and demand for digital services.

The acceleration of digital transformation of enterprises catalysed by the Covid pandemic along with cost-cutting measures have brought back the demand for IT services, especially in the cloud, automation, artificial intelligence and remote working domains. IT bellwethers, TCS, Infosys and Wipro, have been bagging large deals from overseas markets like the UK, US, Middle East and South Africa to help businesses undergo digital transformation, as warranted in the pandemic situation. Even mid-tier companies like L&T Infotech, Mindtree, Happiest Minds etc have reported a strong deal pipeline, even as the client base has not seen a substantial increase.

COVIDONOMICS PART-4

Bengaluru-headquartered Infosys had earlier announced a multi-year contract with a Brazilian firm, Vanguard reported at around $1.5 billion. The company announced that its deal size for the first quarter of FY21 stood at $1.74 billion. "Although the pandemic has led to a disruption in the IT industry and the deal size has been affected, the company still has a robust deal pipeline," Infosys CEO Salil Parekh said. P7

ALMANAC TODAY
Thursday 24/09/2020 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana : Dakshinayana • Ritu: Sharad
Masa: Adhika Ashwayuja • Paksha: Sukla • Tithi: Ashtami 11:28 pm
Nakshatra: Moola 11:23 pm • Moon in Makara Rashi • Rahukaala: 01:30 pm to 03:00pm
Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 20°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.14 pm
Moonrise 12.49 pm
Moonset 0.17 am

Farmer outfits call for statewide bandh on Monday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

OPPOSING the passage of farm bills in Parliament and tabling of Land Reforms Amendment Act and APMC Act Amendment Bill in the Assembly, pro-farmer outfits have called for a statewide bandh on Monday. Only essential services will be allowed to operate on September 28, said Kodihalli Chandrashekhar, president, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene. Dalit organisations, labour unions, private taxi owners' association, lorry owners' association and auto unions in Bengaluru have supported the bandh.

Chandrashekhar said that all organisations will be approached, seeking support for the bandh. Protesters are planning to block state and national highways.

Meanwhile, farmers continued their protest at Freedom Park on Wednesday. The police detained over 100 farmers, including Chandrashekhar, after they tried to stop vehicles. The police bundled protesters into two buses, and later released them in the evening. The police had diverted traffic for smooth movement of vehicles. But traffic on Sheshadri Road and surrounding areas was affected for some time.

Hotels, restaurants to stay open

Members of the Bruhat Bengaluru Hotels' Association said they will not be part of the bandh called by farmers. "We will support the farmers, emotionally but not by closing hotels and restaurants on September 28. We purchase all items including milk, fruits and vegetables from them. We are with them, but we cannot close as we fall under the essential category," said association president P C Rao. Other members said they are not willing to shut down, as they have already suffered due to lockdown.

Today, the state government inflicted their force upon ASHA workers in more than 10 districts, to try and stop them from participating in their protest. Some were even sent back by force

K Somashekar Yadgiri, AIUTUC state secy, state president of ASHA union

ASHA workers at a protest in Bengaluru on Friday. Their demands include a fixed honorarium of ₹12,000 per month and health checkups | SHRIRAM B N

Pink army stopped in its tracks

Police divert buses carrying ASHA workers; Several taken to local police stations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

ASHA health workers who were to hold a protest in Bengaluru on Wednesday, were stopped forcefully by police while they were on their way to the city from various parts of the state.

Spotting the women clad in pink sarees, cops in nearly 10 districts stopped private and KSRTC buses which the protesters hired to reach Bengaluru. At times, police even diverted the buses so as to derail their plans. Several protesters were taken to local police stations.

Hanumesh G, district secretary, AIUTUC, told TNIE that taluk presidents of the Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) Union even received calls from the police on Tuesday midnight asking them to call off the protest. ASHA workers were coming to Bengaluru from Gauribidanur, Tumakuru, Davanagere, Sira, Chikkaballapur, Chintamani, Devanahalli and Doddaballapur, Mandya and Mysuru.

Despite these obstacles, members of the Karnataka Rajya Samyuktha ASHA Karyakarthara Sangha, affiliated to the All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC), arrived at Freedom Park. Their demands include a hike in wages from Rs 4,000 to Rs 12,000, release of pending wages, Covid risk incentive of Rs 3,000, regular health checkups for all ASHA workers and face masks, hand sanitiser, gloves and PPE kits.

Dr Rajkumar, Deputy Director (RCH), health department, and Dr Omprakash Patil, Director, health department, arrived at the protest spot and assured them that their pending wages and risk incentive would be given within 15 days.

D Nagalaskhmi, State secretary of ASHA Union, said, "We met Health Minister Sriramulu at Vidhana Soudha. He assured us of a meeting with Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Friday. If they do not act, all 42,000 ASHA workers in the state will launch a massive protest in the coming days."

They had raised their demands in January and with no assurance from the State government, launched a strike between July 10 and 29, later calling it off on promises made by Sriramulu. However, there was no concrete action.

K Somashekar Yadgiri, State Secretary, AIUTUC and State president of ASHA union, said, "Today, the state government inflicted their force upon ASHA workers in more than 10 districts, to try and stop them from participating in their protest to demand social justice. Some ASHA workers were even sent back by force. "

Nodal officer, MLA clash over duties

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SOON after the BBMP Commissioner appointed nodal officers to manage ward-level works, sparks began flying between elected representatives and officials. In Jayachamarajendra Nagar, Ward 46, it led to a protest on Wednesday.

BBMP Special Commissioner (welfare) Raveendra S G, the nodal officer, conducted an inspection of the ward, and found footpath encroachments and black spots. With the help of BBMP workers, he got the black spots cleared, including one opposite MLA Dinesh Gundu Rao's home. He started clearing footpaths, which was opposed by locals, who called Hebbal MLA Byrathi Suresh and other elected representatives. Things went out of hand when the MLA and party workers staged a protest and demanded stern action against the nodal officer.

"At the meeting with the Commissioner, we were asked to fill in for the corporator, which included clearing encroachments and black spots, garbage management, and making commute easy for pedestrians and commuters. I found trucks parked on the road doing business, and temporary and permanent structures encroaching the footpath," Raveendra said.

In reaction, MLA Suresh said it was vengeance. "We are not against anything, but removing the tea stall of a physically handicapped person is not right. Big builders have encroached footpaths, but are not checked. Clearing encroachments is not the task of the nodal officer, but he came with a JCB to clear the area," he said.

Former corporator Abdul Wajid said a nodal officer cannot fill the shoes of a corporator. The City needs corporators, and officers don't have powers to take action. BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad said he will look into the matter and act within the legal framework.

Garbage collectors at a meet attended by BBMP commissioner in Bengaluru on Wednesday | MEGHANA SASTRY

BBMP chief explains tasks to officers

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad, along with special and zonal commissioners, held a virtual meeting with newly-appointed ward level nodal officers to apprise them of their duties and responsibilities. The commissioner, along with the solid waste management team of BBMP, met pourakarmikas and garbage collection officials of BBMP to create awareness on garbage collection. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

Green Line between R V Road, Yelachenahalli shut over weekend

Metro trains between Yelachenahalli and R V Road of the Green Line will not operate on September 27 and 28. Trains on the Line between Nagasandra and R V Road will run as usual between 7 am and 9 pm. The closure is being done in connection with the pre-commissioning works and testing of systems on the Southern Extension of the Line between Yelachenahalli and Anjanapura Metro stations, an official release said. Operations of the entire Green Line will resume on September 29 at 7 am. **ENS**

CHACHA IS HOME

After 5 yrs, Nehru's statue to be back on its pedestal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa on Wednesday said the statue of former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, which was shifted to take up underground Metro Rail works near Vidhana Soudha, will be re-installed in its original place in front of Vidhana Soudha.

Responding to 'calling attention notice' by Congress MLC K Govindraj, the CM informed the Legislative Council that underground Metro project work was complete, and the place developed. The statue of Nehru will be re-installed in its original place, he said.

The Nehru statue was shifted five years ago to facilitate Metro Rail work

Earlier, taking up the issue in the Council, Congress MLC Govindraj said the statue in front of Vidhana Soudha (East) was temporarily shifted five years ago to Vidhana Soudha (West) to facilitate underground Metro Rail work, and was not re-installed in its place even after Metro work was completed.

Non-installation of the statue of Pandit Nehru amounts to showing disrespect to the national leader, the Congress MLC said.

Congress MLCs demanded that the state government reinstall the statue in its original place before Nehru's birth anniversary on November 14.

Before the chief minister responded, the House witnessed arguments between the Congress and BJP MLCs, and floor leader Kota Srinivas Poojary said they will "look into the matter".

2 yrs of Ayushman Bharat

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THE Ayushman Bharat scheme completed two years on Monday, since its implementation in 2018. With Arogya Karnataka integrated into the scheme, it was called Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka.

The scheme has provided healthcare for 6.50 crore people in the State, with cashless treatment for 115 lakh BPL families, which are entitled to up to ₹5 lakh per year. For treatment of 19 lakh APL families, the government covers 30 per cent of the procedure package rate with a cap of ₹1.5 lakh per annum per family.

In the past two years, 9.38 lakh patients were treated under the scheme, with the amount running to ₹1,950 crore. In all, 3,391 public and private hospitals were empanelled under the scheme for treatment of patients, and 1.40 crore health cards were issued. So far, 74,199 Covid patients were treated for free under the scheme, at a cost of ₹306.47 crore.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

24th September : This is a fine moment for beginning to wind down, preparing to bring personal projects to a suitable conclusion. Of course, we're all individuals, and even though the lunar cycle sends general messages, every one of us is at different stages on life's great path!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Today's basic pattern picks out all who are making short journeys, attending interviews, taking decisions and seeking out information. In other words, the focus is on communication in all its forms. You may also do well to let other people in on a secret - but choose the right moment.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The key question now is the extent to which you have allowed yourself to be taken for granted and walked all over like some sort of cosmic doormat. Watch out for dictatorial people and take evasive action. If you can stay out of their way, then you will end the day much happier!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The Moon should give you a feeling of confidence, although there will be a few mood swings and these in turn will bring occasional self-doubt. However, in the final analysis you should feel hopeful about the future. Optimism breeds success - and attracts potential employers.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You still seem to be doing extremely well in many respects, and the best approach is one which highlights your creative gifts. You must realise that there is no area of your life free from your intense emotions. If you acknowledge that, then you'll be able to keep them in check.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Supportive planets are helping you keep your feet on the ground, which is just as well at a time such as this. You're entering a new emotional cycle, one in which there'll be little time for romance or sentimentality. Instead, look at down-to-earth issues, such as how much you can actually afford!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You have a reputation for being clear-headed and reasonable, yet too many people are completely failing to see just how far your ideas are driven by an intense and idealistic desire to see the world put to rights. If only they would leave you to get on at your own pace.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You should keep an eye on the financial situation and realise that what other people mistake for strength could actually be a sign of weakness. It would therefore be folly to shape your actions to partners' expectations. Perhaps they should do what you want this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Your indecisive streak is coming out. Not before time, some people would say! Your first instinct when faced with a dilemma may be to return to the safety of former conditions. That's fine in the short term, but you can't put off the inevitable forever!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Your emotional loyalties may now be based in the present rather than in the past. Yet for some reason you will find it increasingly important to back-track, and work out just exactly what did happen, and why a relationship came to an end. You might also be tempted to take advice you'd normally ignore.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You can be easy to stereotype. Too many people underestimate your versatility, especially at work. If partners and colleagues would only sit down and listen to your ideas for sharing responsibilities more equitably in the future, they'd learn a lot!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
There is much to be said for tackling social issues head-on, but mainly if money is involved. The one thing you must be sure of at the moment is that partners and friends will be changing their opinions more often than their socks! Not that it's a bad thing, of course.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You may devote whatever time is necessary to sorting out fundamental questions, especially concerning your family relationships and domestic conditions. You should try to remember what was agreed in the past as well, and respect family members' feelings.

THE PHANTOM

MY GOODNESS! HER LANGUAGE IS SO GUARDED! SHE DOESN'T EVEN USE KAORA'S NAME!
THAT'S BECAUSE SHE HAS NO IDEA WHO MIGHT BE READING HER LETTER...
I TOLD HER IF I DON'T MAKE IT OUT ALIVE, SOMEONE WOULD ANSWER A LETTER TO BOX 7.
SHE'S INQUIRING ABOUT "A FORMER STUDENT OF THE BRIARSON SCHOOL IN NEW YORK."
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HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! LT. FUZZ HAS HIS OWN LETTERHEAD, HIS NAME ON ALL HIS PENCILS AND EVEN A MONOGRAMMED CUP TO HOLD THEM!
WHAT'S THAT?
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HARD

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzles

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9	4	6	5	7	8	2	1	3
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JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VIWEA

DLOYD

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GMOYSG

We brought plenty for everyone.
I'm a lefty!
Thanks for bringing all this!
Here you go!
THE KIDS WANTED TO PLAY BASEBALL. LUCKILY, THERE WERE PLENTY OF ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHEEP VISOR UNTRUE CAMERA
Answer: Two holes in one in a row! The golfers were stunned at the — COURSE OF EVENTS

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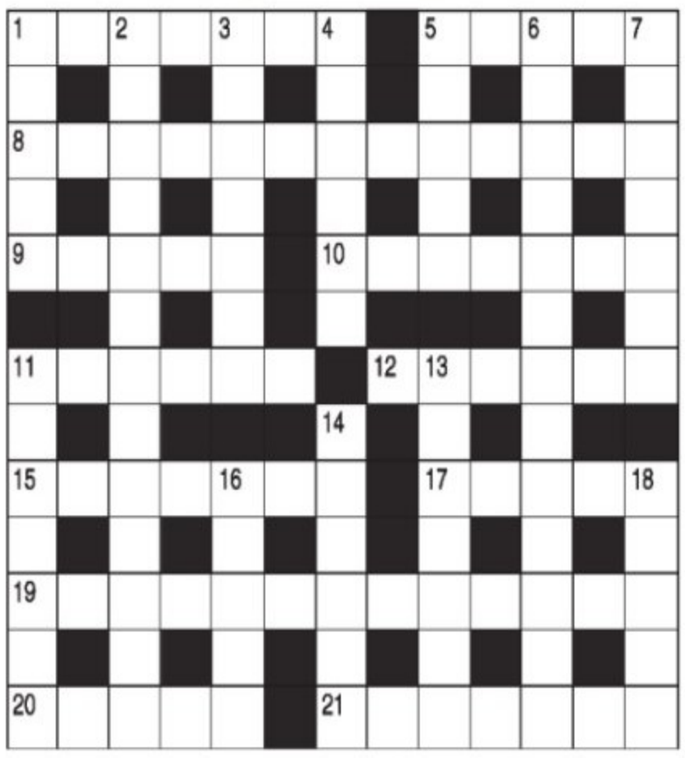
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 A muscle that is unaffected by retraction (7)
5 Where the goat goes without corn (5)
8 An anti-noise demonstration? (6,7)
9 Try as a change some wood spirit (5)
10 Time of day for ironing things out (7)
11 Goes off for the booty (6)
12 See air perhaps? It's not so difficult (6)
15 New crusade for an old vehicle (4,3)
17 A temple ornament? (5)
19 Ownership in advance is very attractive (13)
20 To sack or to fire (5)
21 A bone from Munster (7)

DOWN

1 Sprays of flowers (5)
2 Hold a personal conversation (4,2,7)
3 A plant holder? (7)
4 Produced the rent (6)
5 Near the end (5)
6 The suddenness of rainfall (13)
7 Being at home, possibly greet a number (7)
11 A runaway affair on ship? (7)
13 The performer rates it differently (7)
14 Troubles due to many increases (6)
16 Part of a car to take one's breath away (5)
18 A number get resin from a biblical tree (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Couch, 8 Sparking, 9 Petal, 10 Vigilant, 11 State, 12 Ego, 16 Unison, 17 Unites, 18 Dot, 23 Stage, 24 Londoner, 25 Green, 26 Scramble, 27 Banns.

Down: 2 Overtone, 3 Chastise, 4 Spring, 5 Drain, 6 Midas, 7 Agate, 12 End, 13 Out, 14 Victoria, 15 Sea-green, 19 O'Neill, 20 Bliss, 21 Angry, 22 Comma.

In Covid times, docs face dilemma

Docs have to take on-spot decisions like choosing between patients, use of ventilators, etc

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

Doctors in Ballari deliver the baby of a Covid-positive woman | FILE PHOTO

IF there is one ventilator and two critical Covid-19 patients in need, who would the doctor give it to? Is the decision based on who is more likely to survive, or who arrived first at the hospital? The person who arrived first may be affluent and have travelled by car, while the other may be poor and walked from the bus stop. This is just one of hundreds of ethical dilemmas doctors face when making administrative and clinical decisions.

"How do we allocate resources separately for Covid and non-Covid services? If we take resources from non-Covid services and give it to another, won't patients be affected? For example, a limited number of dialysis machines is available, but Covid patients with kidney problems need separate ones. Allocating machines for them reduces the number of machines available for non-Covid patients," said Dr Sanjiv Lewin, chief of medical services, St John's Medical College Hospital.

He pointed out that hospitals with limited resources have to make a choice between saving lives and reducing transmission. Do they test only those who are symptomatic and save lives, or test all by stretching meagre resources, to reduce transmission?

"Should Covid surcharges such as cost of PPE be levied on all patients or only on Covid ones? If we charge only corona patients, the bill would be too high to bear," Dr Lewin said.

Patients with non-Covid diseases are getting neglected, with increased resource allocation for Covid, observed Dr Suman Sagar GL, critical care specialist at People Tree Hospital.

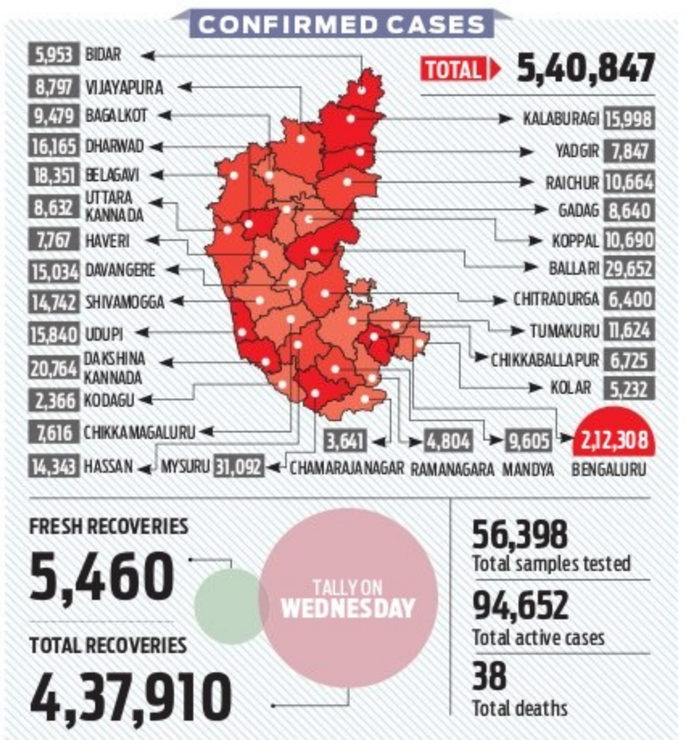
"Though we have demarcated Covid and non-Covid ICUs, owing to high caseload and pressure for beds, at times Covid patients have to occupy non-Covid ICU beds. Those who are well-connected and have clout are able to secure a hospital bed easily, as opposed to a needy person," Dr Sagar said.

Corporate hospitals with more capital have, however, been able to prepare themselves during the lockdown for the surge in corona cases in the city and state which started in July, and were saved from such ethical dilemmas to an extent.

"We slowed down elective surgeries and rescheduled them so that ventilators and ICU beds were available for Covid patients. The dilemma appears when unplanned, emergency non-Covid cases show up. We have our limits and are careful as we reach 99 per cent. We keep a couple of beds as buffer for patients in our general ward, whose condition may suddenly become critical," said Dr Sunil Karanth, chairman, critical care services, Manipal Hospitals. Though they try not to refuse too many patients, they advise against referrals from other hospitals if the patient's condition does not require it.

While this hospital has been comfortable resource-wise so far, the management is apprehensive of what could happen if there is a surge in corona cases. There are three categories of patients – the dying, the sick but who can survive, and the stable. They are concentrating on getting immediate first-aid for the second category of patients, as they are most likely to benefit.

"We also make shared decisions by consulting the family on whether the patient should be put on ventilator or not, as in some cases the ventilator may not help. Our bed booking and discharge process has become more streamlined. We have a waiting list of patients and coordinate with doctors from other hospitals, to check if a patient needs to be shifted," Dr Karanth said, adding that they share resources with their other branches.



43 K'taka doctors died of Covid-19

KARTHIK K K @ Mysuru

ON Tuesday, 66-year-old Dr Venkatesh, a resident of Nanjangud in Mysuru, succumbed to Covid-19. He is the 43rd doctor in Karnataka to die of the disease while battling a pandemic that has tragically claimed thousands of lives the world over.

Indian Medical Association data shows 43 doctors on the frontlines of the pandemic died of Covid-19 since March, with the highest casualties in Bengaluru and Mysuru regions. Data shows seven doctors each from Bengaluru and Mysuru died of the illness and of the 43 doctors who died, 21 were aged 60-69 and five were above 70 years.

Data available with TNIE show that over 14 doctors were in the 40-59 age group, and three were between 27-37 years old. IMA data shows that over 80% of the deceased doctors were affiliated with private hospitals, nursing homes and clinics. While most of them were general practitioners and physicians, the number also included psychiatrists, ENT specialists, gynaecologists, radiologists, anaesthetists.

The medical community is enraged that many of the deceased doctors have not yet received government compensation they were privately employed.

"We submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, appealing that the government include private doctors under the state insurance cover of Rs 50 lakh, but have not received a response. We have also requested the government to compensate doctors called for duty according to the Seventh Pay Commission guidelines," said Dr Madhusudhana Kariganuru, president of the Indian Medical Association, Karnataka.

Bills unpaid, docs delay releasing body

MAHESH M GOUDAR @Vijayapura

A PRIVATE hospital allegedly declined to hand over the body of a Covid patient to the family for delay in clearing bills.

The victim, Rajesh Bhovi (45), a resident of Sankeshwar village near Hukkeri taluk of Belagavi, was admitted to Koti Hospital, in Vijayapura after he tested positive on September 9. He died on Tuesday night.

"We never demanded that family clear bills to get the body, but told them to pay ambulance charges, as per government guidelines. But they refused and manhandled hospital staff," said Dr Ayyangouda Biradar, administrator of Koti Hospital.

The hospital said it charged Rs 4.13 lakh for 16 days as per government tariff for private hospitals. The patient was treated in ICU for two weeks. The family had paid Rs 1.82 lakh, and Rs 2.31 lakh was due," it said.

Rajesh Bhovi's brother Mahesh said when they asked the hospital to hand over the body, doctors demanded payment of dues. "We sought a week's time, but they were adamant," he said.

The family protested in front of the hospital on Wednesday. Later, the body was handed over to the family.

Deputy Commissioner P Sunil Kumar said, "I will issue a warning to all private hospitals turned Covid Care Centres to avoid such situations. The family told me they will file a complaint against the hospital. I will investigate this case personally. If the doctors are found guilty, we will initiate action."

Dr Biradar filed a police complaint against the family members, accusing them of manhandling hospital staff.

MLA Narayan Rao in critical condition

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BASAVAKALYAN MLA Narayan Rao, who is Covid-positive, has suffered multi-organ failure and is in a critical condition.

He was admitted to a hospital in Bidar after he tested positive, but was later shifted to Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru. He was admitted to the ICU as his oxygen levels dropped on Tuesday night. He was put on life support on Wednesday after he suffered a multi-organ failure.

Manipal Hospital Director Manish Rai said a multi-disciplinary team is monitoring his condition.

A few weeks ago, he attended a meeting with Revenue Minister R Ashoka and had complained of a fever later.

Rao, a first-time MLA from Basavakalyan in Bidar district, defeated Mallikarjun Khuba of BJP and PGR Scindia of JDS in the 2018 Assembly elections.

EXPRESS READ

Ramp up testing in Haveri: Nodal officer

Haveri: District nodal officer and in-charge secretary Manoj Jain on Wednesday directed taluk officials to step up vigilance and trace the primary and secondary contacts of Covid positive people in 24 hours. During a review meeting, he directed officials to ramp up testing in the district. **ENS**

ESIC HOSPITAL, UDYOGAMANDAL,
Udyogamandal P.O., Kerala - 683501, Ph:0484-2545632
RECRUITMENT OF DOCTORS

The Medical Superintendent, ESIC Hospital, Udyogamandal proposes to hold walk-in-interview for the post of Full-Time/ Part-Time Super Specialists and Specialists, Senior Resident-3 Year, Senior Resident 1-Year on contract basis at ESIC Hospital, Udyogamandal, Ernakulam on 7th October 2020. The candidates my report at the venue at 9.00 A.M.

For details please visit official website www.esic.nic.in, www.esichospitals.gov.in

Date: 23.09.2020 Sd/-, (Medical Superintendent)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

That Sri. M.R. Ranganath, S/o Late A.M.Ramaiah, No.50, 4th Main, Byrasandra, Pattabhiramnagar, Bangalore-560011 has approached the Bank for grant of loan on hypothecation of Property bearing Municipal No.50, BBMP Khata No.60-4-50, PID No.60-4-50, 'L' Shaped 4th Main, Byrasandra, Pattabhiramanagar, BBMP Ward No.60 owned by him as per Regd Gift deed dtd 03-03-2012 gifted by his father Late A.M. Ramaiah who had purchased it under Registered sale Deed dtd 28-11-1980. The said property was hypothecated the `Millenium Credit Co-operative Society, No.81/2, Gandhi bazaar, Basavangudi, Bangalore-4 for raising loan. He has sought for clearing the said loan and for improvement of the property. The Bank after scrutiny of the documents produced intends to advance loan on hypothecation of the said property. If anybody has any Right, Title or Interest in the said property, the same may be intimated to the above named Bank within 15 days from the publication of this notification, if no claim is made by anyone within the said period, the Bank will proceed with advancement of Loan on hypothecation of the said property.

Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Anitha Cecily Marthilona** W/o late Marthylona is the absolute owner in possession and enjoyment of her Property bearing No.1495. III stage, Austin town layout, Bangalore, inheritted by her through her mother in law Metilda Prakash who purchased it from its owner Cheluvammal and after demise of Metilda Prakash my client has continued to be in possession and enjoyment of the said property originally allotted by BDA to Cheluvammal and presently my client is the lawful owner of the same and her husband Marthilona is no more and she has continued her possession and occupation for more than 25 years as surviving legal heir of late Metilda Prakash being her daughter in law.

Anyone having any claim on this property may putforth the same through me by producing necessary documentary evidence, otherwise it shall be presumed that my client is lawful owner and no one having any right on this property.

KARAR AHMED, Advocate
50, II Cross, Roshan Colony, Tilaknagar, Bangalore.
Ph : 9845108175.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that my client has agreed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property from its owner **Smt. Shailaja wife of Venkata Reddy,** aged about 36 years, residing at No.191, "Sri Akshata Residencey", 3rd Cross, Neeladrinagar, Electronic City, Phase -1, Bangalore-560 100, the same having been acquired by her under registered sale deed dated 08.03.2019, which was registered as document **No. GNR-1-05829/2018-19, book-1, stored CD No. GNRD194,** in the office sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Gangangar), Bangalore.

Any person/s, have any right/title/interest/ claims over the Schedule property or any portion thereof in any manner may lodge his/her/their claim/objections in writing to the under signed, within fifteen days hereof along with copies of all the documents being relied upon, as otherwise my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule property as if there are no claims/objections from any person/s.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential Property bearing **site No. 35, bearing BBMP katha No.368/345/35, (old CMC Katha No.368/345)** situated at Venkatala Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 60 feet, North to South:40 in all 2400 Square feet and **bounded** on the:
East by : Property No.22,
West by : Road,
North by : Property No.34,
South by : Property No.36,

V. Subba Reddy, Advocate,
No.132/2, 4th cross, 4th main, Vinyaka Layout, Boopasandra, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 094, **Mobile : 9448847322**
Bangalore, Dt:

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients entered into Sale Agreement dt.19.09.2020 to purchase schedule property from **Smt.Kamala W/o late G.T.Srinivas** and her family members by availing Bank loan.

Any person(s) having any Claim over the schedule property may lodge objections or claim in writing with all supporting documentary evidence (authenticated) with regard to such claim with the undersigned **within 10 days** hereof, failing which my clients will proceed to purchase schedule property. Any objection/ claims received thereafter will not be entertained/ binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

Present Property **No.5/1, old No.15, earlier portion of larger property No.5, BBMP PID No.28-32-5/1,** situated at 15th Cross, Cubbonpet Benagaluru-02, **E-W:28ft. & N-S:23ft.** together with building comprising Ground and Three upper Floors and bounded on, **East:** 15th Cross Road, **West:** Property of G.T.Puttaraju, **North:** Property of G.T.Vijayashali, **South:** Property of B.M.Krishanappa.

K.R. ASHOK KUMAR, Advocate,
14, K.S. Market, DK Lane, Chickpet, Bengaluru-53, **Mob: 9341232325**
Bangalore
Dt: 22.09.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **G.N Sarala w/o A.C. Ramesh** R/at Anneshwara Village, Kasaba Hobli Devanahalli Taluk, Banngalore Rural District has executed a registered General power of attorney dated : 28/04/2010 vide Reg Doc No. DNH-4-00037-201011 stored in CD No DNHD 191 before the Senior sub-Register Devanahalli in respect of land bearing old Sy No. 45 new Sy NO 45/P6 Measuring to an extent of 1.00 acres situated at Anneshwara Village. Kasaba Hobli Devanahalli taluk Bangalore Rural District My client has Based legal notice dated 15/09/2020 to the M/s. PACL INDIA LTD a Company incorporated under the provisions of the companies Act, 1956 having its registered office at Barakhamba Road New Delhi-110 001 Represented by its Authorized representative Sri Harun Rashid Talwai, having his office at Sofia Mahzil No.187 RMV II Stage 12th Cross Dollars Colony Bangalore-56 O 054 calling upon them that al the power of GPA dated 28/04/2010 have been revoked and GPA Stands conceited By way paper publication also my client has revoked/concelled the said GPA dated 28/04/2010. if any pension, transacts with the above said property my client will not be responsible for the acts things deeds or agreement or any other transactions done by the power of attorney holder as the some is revoked/cancelled.

Sd/-
Sri.Ravikumar R, Advocate
Ramaiah Monsion, Shantinagar, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural

Public Notice

General Public are hereby notified that our client **Sri Pawan Kumar Dagra,** intend to purchase the property described in the schedule here below, from 1.Sri.N.Chandrasekaran. 2. Sri. M. Jayadevappa, 3. Sri. M.P.Nagabhushan. 4. Sri. Chikkaveerana, 5 Sri MP Nataraja, 6. Smt Chandrakala, 7. Sri. N. Suresh, 8. Sri. N. Manjunath. 9. Sri N. Harish, 10. Sri. N. Baskar. 11. Sri Shivakumar, 12 Smt. Sarvamangala and 13. Sri. B. Shyamsundar. If my one has any right, title or interest over the schedule property or any objections for the proposed of schedule property, he/she shall substantiate the same by producing documentary evidence and by filing objections in the office of the undersigned, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice If no objections are received within the said period our clients will presume that the property is bee from any encumbrances, objections and proceed to purchase the schedule property. Any claims. objections received subsequently will not be entertained,

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Old No. 74, New No 205, Arelepet, Bashyam Road, Bangalore measuring East to West 32.6 Feet and North to South 13.6 Feet with constructed building and bounded on East by : Main Road, West by :House belonging to Sn Umapathy, North by :Shop belonging to Smt. Indrama, South by Place: Bangalore House belonging to Sri Rangappa

Sd/-
Venkatesh T Deshpande (Advocate) K.G.Road, Bangalore-03
Place : Bangalore
Date : 19.08.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of General Public that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** from its owner **SRI. KRISHNAPPA.T.V,** aged about 45 years, S/o Sri. Venkata Gowda, residing at No.12, Karunya Nilaya, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Panduranga Layout, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bengaluru-560 057 any person having any right, claim or interest over the schedule property may lodge their objections/claims in writing to the undersigned with documentary proof within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this publication. In the event of no claim being received **within 15 (Fifteen) days,** My client will proceed with further transactions relating to the schedule property, and no claim/s will be entertained after this period.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Residential House constructed in the site bearing No.7, Assesment No.69/1, New PID No.014-DW-0413-6, Old Katha No.169, New Katha No.274/9, situated at Mallasandra Village, Yeshwantpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru, presently under the limits of BBMP Ward No.14, Bengaluru measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet totally measuring 1200 Sq Feet, consists of Newly built Residential Duplex House in Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor and Third Floor measuring 36 Squares, of RCC Roofing, Flooring of Vitrified Tiles, Doors and Windows of Jungle Wood and bounded on by : East by : Private Property; West by : 25 Feet Road; North by : House belongs to Smt S.Chandravathi; South by : 25 Feet Road.

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It is with profound grief that we mourn the passing and honour the life of Dr. Jagannathan Vasudevan, who peacefully attained the feet of the Lord.

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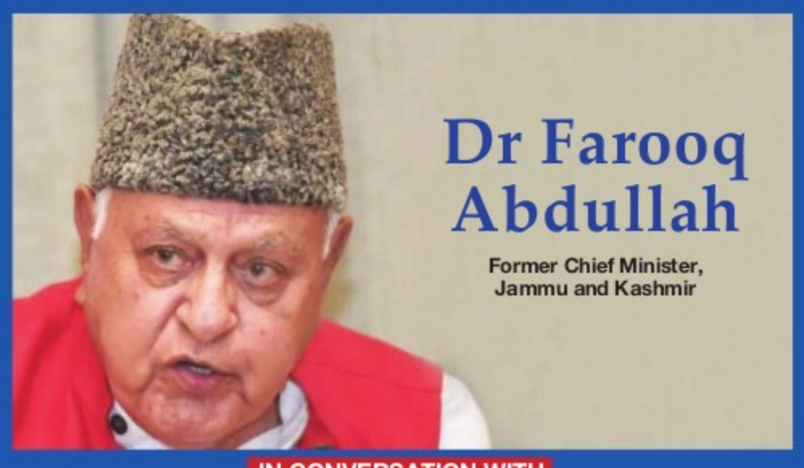

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WATCH THINK ACT

The fine for organising races without a licence has been increased from Rs 500 to Rs 50,000 by amending the Karnataka Race Courses Licensing Act, said Law Minister JC Madhu Swamy

HOUSE MATTERS

AS FARMERS PROTEST, APMC BILL TABLED

Discussion on Land Reforms Bill today; Separate bill for BBMP to be tabled; Govt expected to face heat from Oppn

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

EVEN as farmer groups protest against it, the Karnataka Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation and Development) (Amendment) Bill, 2020, was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday. The bill seeks to replace an ordinance passed by the Karnataka cabinet in May, and is expected to face severe heat from the Opposition.

Thursday's session is set to be an intense sitting with the Land Reforms Act (Second Amendment) Bill to be discussed. Revenue Minister R Ashoka's attempt on the second consecutive day to get the bill approved was stalled by the Opposition, and both controversial bills will be taken up for discussion on Thursday.

The House approved nine bills on Wednesday, including the Karnataka Municipal Corporations (Third Amendment) Bill, 2020, that allows delimitation of BBMP wards to 250. "A separate bill for BBMP will be tabled in the House that will include intricacies of how the wards will be divided, administrative authority, area, population etc," said JC Madhuswamy, Law and Parliamentary Affairs minister. After much debate on why the government was choosing the ordinance route even for non-urgent decisions, the Industries (Facilitation) Act was passed.

Stone Crushers (Amendment) Bill, that allows extension of existing licences for up to 20 years, transfer of licence etc, Municipalities (Amendment) Bill aimed at establishing 'neighbourhood groups, area sabhas and ward committees with specified powers for decentralisation at municipal corporation level (other than Bengaluru), State Open University Bill to extend income-tax exemptions, Civil Services Bill aimed at prohibiting absorption of public sector employees into government services, Loyakukta Amendment Bill for speedy disposal of pending complaints, Town and Country Planning were passed in the Assembly on Thursday.

An amendment suggested to the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases bill by Congress' HK Patil was rejected by the government and Speaker after the bill replaced the ordinance.

BILLS PASSED

- Karnataka Lokayukta (Second Amendment) Bill, 2020
- Karnataka Town and Country planning (second amendment) bill, 2020
- Karnataka State Civil Services (Prohibition of absorption of the services of the employees of establishments in Public Sector into public service) Bill 2020
- Karnataka State Open University (Amendment) Bill 2020
- Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Bill, 2020
- Karnataka Industries (Facilitation) (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- K'taka Municipalities (Amendment) Bill

EPIDEMIC? WHAT'S THAT?

Bengaluru: At a time the House was discussing the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Bill, 2020, one member raised the all-important question. "What diseases qualify as an epidemic?" Arasikere MLA Shivalinge Gowda (JDS) caught the government unaware when he asked Health Minister Sriramulu to explain what diseases were classified under the epidemics act. The government really did not have a ready answer and maintained that "notified" diseases would be covered under the act. Gowda was worried that the stringent punitive measures under the act could be misused to harass citizens for common diseases like malaria if the government refused to specify them.

SILENCE, PLEASE...

Bengaluru: The Legislative Assembly may have been low on attendance, but it was quite high on murmuring legislators disrupting business. Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar, for one, had to turn into a class monitor of sorts on Wednesday while trying to discuss the Industries (Facilitation) (Amendment) Bill. Shettar had to shush two of his cabinet colleagues and other legislators who were chatting on the benches behind him, for disrupting him while presenting the bill. A minister sitting next to him and chatting too did not seem to have helped Shettar's cause.

No Covid corruption, no probe: Govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE state government on Wednesday rejected the Congress demand for a judicial probe into alleged irregularities in the purchase of medical equipment to battle Covid-19 pandemic.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar, who is also in charge of the Covid team, said there is no corruption in the purchases and there is no question of a judicial probe.

At the Assembly on Tuesday, Congress members, including Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah, KPCC president D K Shivakumar and others alleged irregularities in the purchase of PPE kits, ventilators, masks, gloves and sanitiser, and demanded a judicial probe.

Dr Sudhakar defended the price variation in purchases in March-April as compared to July-August. "When Covid broke out in March, the demand for PPE kits was high,

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar replies during the assembly session on Wednesday

but the supply low. PPE kits that came, in the beginning, were more like raincoats that nobody was willing to wear. That's when we ordered three lakh PPE kits from China. It was the first and last time we imported these kits. Later, it was all from Indian companies. Now there are more manufacturing units and India is capable of supplying them to other countries. One should know that we are not paying the same amount as we did in March and April. There is no corruption. If the government had not taken those measures, the toll would have been higher," he said.

On allegations that the state was not prepared to handle the pandemic, he said that in March, the state had just two testing labs, but now it has 136. "We were conducting 200 tests per day which has increased to 1.5 lakh. We have increased the number of ambulances from 800 to 2,000. We have sufficient liquid oxygen. World's fatality rate is 3.6 per cent and India's is 1.54 per cent, while Karnataka's 1.36 per cent. How can the opposition say we have failed," he asked.

"We are in the middle of a war and not at the end. Each one of us has to fight the pandemic," he said. Unhappy with his reply, Opposition party members walked out.

'Was asked if I want Rs 35K or Rs 15k ward'

Bengaluru: Private hospitals are charging exorbitant sums to treat Covid patients, and the government should take action, said Opposition party members in the Assembly on Wednesday. Jayanagara Congress MLA Soumya Ramalinga Reddy said, "The father of one of my friends tested positive and his family had to run from one hospital to another to get a bed. As oxygen was not available, he passed away." "In another instance, a private hospital charged Rs 16 lakh. How can they charge so much," she asked. On his own experience, Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah, who tested positive and admitted to a private hospital, said he was asked if he preferred a ward for Rs 15,000 or Rs 35,000 per day.

Panels to help local youths get jobs in pvt firms

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THE government is constituting committees at the district level to ensure that local youth get preference in employment in the private sector, and its directive on reservation in employment for Kannadigas in C and D Groups is implemented, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister JC Madhu Swamy said on Wednesday.

Responding to JDS MLC Basavaraj Horatti's demand for implementation of the Sarojini Mahishi report, the minister said the government had already issued the order on reservation in C and D category. "Private firms that have taken land or other facilities from the government have to provide reservation for Kannadigas in C and D category, and we are taking measures to implement it," he said.

The government cannot make it mandatory For A and B category jobs, but firms have to give priority if local youth are qualified, he said.

Kannada and Culture Minister CT Ravi said Kannadigas must get jobs and also need to be trained to get jobs. "We have to think about this issue emotionally as well as practically, and create an ecosystem," he said.

Horatti pointed out that local youth received priority in Tamil Nadu, Andhra, Maharashtra and other states. "How many Kannadigas are working in IT firms? The private sector must give locals jobs," he said.

Law Minister J C Madhu Swamy in Vidhana Soudha | VINOD KUMAR T

Ramesh, Sudhakar spat turns ugly again

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THE Assembly on Wednesday saw heated arguments between former Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar (Congress) and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar. Kumar later apologised. During the March session too, they had clashed.

The ugly spat started when minister Sudhakar was replying in the House on behalf of the State government on the Opposition leaders' allegations of irregularities in procuring medical equipment to treat Covid-19 patients. At one point, Ramesh Kumar said, "You (Sudhakar) are accepting that the State government has paid more for the equipment."

Kumar used 'unparliamentary' words that made the ruling BJP members angry. Sudhakar even started addressing Kumar, a senior Congress leader, in the singular. He said this was not for the first time that Kumar was using such unparliamentary words. "He did it during the session in March. He was the Speaker. How can he use such unparliamentary words?" Jagadish Shettar and K S Eshwarappa demanded Kumar's apology. Speaker Vishveshwara Hegde Kageri said, "I don't know if this word is parliamentary or not. However, I personally feel this language can't be used."

Later, Kageri said similar words have been included in the unparliamentary list. "The word used by Kumar is unparliamentary and the same has to be removed from the record," he said.

Ramesh Kumar said, "I only said he (Sudhakar) is defending the blunder."

Surjewala wants CM to quit, BJP says 'hit & run' tactic

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ON his first visit to the state after being appointed AICC General Secretary in charge of Karnataka, Randeep Singh Surjewala on Wednesday went all guns blazing against the state government and accused it of being "engulfed in corruption". He demanded the resignation of Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa over graft charges against his family members in a Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) project.

BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel hit back at the Congress leader, terming it as a cheap hit-and-run tactic.

"A judicial probe headed by a sitting Supreme Court judge or High Court Chief Justice is a must to look into the allegations," said Surjewala, flanked

Senior leader Siddaramaiah, AICC general secretary in-charge of K'taka Randeep Singh Surjewala and KPCC president D K Shivakumar at the KPCC office on Wednesday

by Opposition Leader in the Assembly Siddaramaiah, KPCC president D K Shivakumar and other senior Congress leaders.

Surjewala, Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar took turns to hurl allegations at the CM's family members, citing documents which they said were obtained by a private television channel during a sting operation. Sources close to the CM denied the charges as baseless.

On the authenticity of the documents, the Congress leaders said the information is in public domain and it needs a thorough probe. Surjewala said that the party has decided to take up the issue in the Assembly and Council during the ongoing legislative session.

BJP HITS BACK

Dismissing the allegations, state BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel said, "It is pity that the leader of the country's oldest political party depended on unverified and unauthenticated papers outsourced from unknown sources to level politically-motivated allegations against the BJP."

He said it is ironical that Surjewala made these allegations with KPCC president DK Shivakumar by his side. "Shivakumar, as the world knows, was in Tihar jail on charges of corruption and is presently on bail. His party's ad-hoc president is also on bail in the National Herald case," he added.

Manippady panel report tabled, names many Congress leaders

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AFTER eight long years, the Anwar Manippady Committee report related to misappropriation of Wakf properties was tabled in the Assembly on Wednesday.

The report alleges the involvement of several senior Congress leaders, including Mallikarjuna Kharge, former Rajya Sabha member Rehman Khan, Shanthinagar MLA N A Haris, former ministers Tanveer Sait and Roshan Baig, MLC C M Ibrahim and others. Late chief minister Dharam Singh, former Union minister late C K Jaffer Sharief and former minister Qamar ul Islam too were behind the scam, the report states, naming several IAS and IPS officers from the minority community for helping in the alleged irregularities.

Manippady mentions that the Wakf property scam is bigger than that 2G scam and is estimated at over Rs 2 lakh crore, where offenders either encroached or sold 2,700 acres of land spread across Bengaluru, Bengaluru Rual, Ramanagara, Bidar, Kalaburagi and Koppal districts.

The report recommends suspension of the Karnataka State Board of Wakfs for one year and also a Lokayukta investigation.

GONE TOO SOON

Suresh Angadi was a soft-spoken leader, says BSY

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CONDOLENCES started pouring in on Twitter late on Wednesday evening. President Ramnath Kovind tweeted, "Shocked to know the passing away of Shri Suresh Angadi, Union Minister of State for Railways. An amiable leader, Shri Angadi worked tirelessly for the people of his constituency, Belagavi and Karnataka. With his indomitable spirit, he carried out public service with humility and perseverance. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and the loved ones," he tweeted.

Railways Minister Piyush Goyal, wrote, "Deeply anguished at the unfortunate demise of Suresh Angadi ji. He was like my brother. Words fall short to describe his commitment & dedication towards the people. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends in this hour of need. Om Shanti."

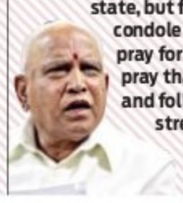
Describing Angadi as a soft-spoken leader of the masses, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said he was shocked by the news of his death. "It is unbelievable. The death of Suresh Angadi, an honourable, softspoken leader of the masses, is a huge loss, not just for the party or the state, but for the nation," the CM said.

A law graduate, Angadi entered active politics in 1996 as a member of the BJP in Belagavi and was soon appointed president of the Belagavi district BJP unit. He registered his first victory as MP on a BJP ticket in 2004 from Belagavi Lok Sabha constituency, which was a stronghold of the Congress for many decades. Since then, Angadi has won without much resistance.

TRIBUTES POUR IN

Suresh Angadi was an exceptional Karyakarta, who worked hard to make the party strong in Karnataka. He was a dedicated MP and effective minister, admired across the spectrum. His demise is saddening. My thoughts are with his family and friends in this sad hour. Om Shanti

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



I am shocked at the news of senior leader, MoS Railway Shri Suresh Angadi's death. It is unbelievable. Death of Suresh Angadi, an honourable, softspoken, leader of the masses, is a huge loss not just for the party or the state, but for the nation. I deeply condole his sudden death and pray for him to rest in peace. I pray that his family, friends and followers find the strength. Om Shanti

BS Yediyurappa, Chief Minister

Saddened by the unfortunate demise of Minister of State for Railways Shri. Suresh Angadi. He was always concerned about the development of our State. My condolences to his family members and well-wishers.family and well-wishers the strength to bear this pain

Siddaramaiah, Leader of Opposition

Railway Min wanted to set up schools in North Karnataka

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

ON completion of his LLB, Minister of State for Railways Suresh Angadi entered the cement business and popularised Vasavadatta Cement in Belagavi region. His friend Ashok Chandargi from Belagavi said, "Angadi always wanted to set up educational institutions in North Karnataka, especially Belagavi, to promote rural students. Besides building schools and colleges in his village, KK Kop, he set up Angadi Institute of Technology and Engineering in Belagavi a few years ago, in this region," Chandargi said.

The BJP has been able to win most of the 18 assembly seats in Belagavi, ever since Atal Bihari Vajpayee became Prime Minister. Babagouda Patil, who was elected first BJP MP from Belagavi, was inducted as Minister for Rural Development in Vajapayee's cabinet. However, the saffron party decided to field Angadi from Belagavi in the 2004 election, snubbing Babagouda because Angadi had emerged a popular leader by then.

Several leaders from Belagavi, cutting across party lines, condoled his demise and called him as a "great human being". MLA Laxmi Hebbalkar said she was extremely shocked. "Angadi was a good leader who respected people. As a minister, he was able to implement several pending projects. We have lost an able leader and fantastic person," she added.

Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad said, "Deeply saddened to hear about the untimely demise of Sh Suresh Angadi, MoS Railways who succumbed to COVID. Heartfelt condolences to his family. I pray to Almighty that his soul rests in peace," he posted on Twitter.

CAG: State govt has shortchanged ULBs

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AS against Rs 44,691 crore to be released to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) as per the State Finance Commission recommendations, only Rs 17,119 crore had been released during 2014-15 to 2018-19, pointed out the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) after studying ULBs for the first time in Karnataka.

Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) that have aimed at self-sufficiency are largely dependent on fiscal transfers, which constituted about 63% of their total revenues.

CAG's principal accountant-general E P Nivedita said that Rs 12,000 crore was released to parastatals to service borrowings on behalf of ULBs. The amount was deducted from all ULBs, which meant that ULBs that had not availed loans too had to suffer the cut. There was a shortfall of about Rs 15,000 crore in fiscal transfers for four years ending 2018 when Siddaramaiah was chief minister for three years and H D Kumaraswamy for one.

ULBs earned only 37 per cent of the total revenues as they lacked autonomy to generate their own funds. While they have the authority to collect property tax, advertisement tax etc., the state government has the powers to decide the rates, revision and collection method, constraining ULBs, the CAG noted.

"The budget exercise was flawed and resulted in the preparation of unrealistic and unscientific budgets. Scientific estimation of cost of each municipal service was not carried out, leading to huge variations between estimates and actuals. The ULBs were able to generate own resources to the extent of only 56 per cent of revenue expenditure and had utilised only an average of about 69 per cent of the available funds," Nivedita said.

The state government was aware of lack of manpower in ULBs, but did not take action to fill up the vacancies.

Actor Diganth quizzed a second time

Police seek information on data collected from his mobile phones; questioned for 3 hours

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THE Central Crime Branch (CCB) police probing the Sandalwood drug racket questioned actor Diganth for the second time on Wednesday. Sources said the actor was summoned to be questioned over the digital evidence the police have gathered from his mobile phones.

Diganth, who was on the sets of a film, was summoned by the police on Wednesday morning. Soon, the actor rushed to the CCB office in Chamarajpet and appeared before the investigation officer. He was questioned for three hours.

Speaking to reporters after the enquiry, the actor said that he is not supposed to reveal any information as the case was still under investigation. "I have come here as the police had summoned me. I will appear again if they call me," he added. Sources said the actor was summoned for the second time as they needed some information regarding that digital evidence they had gathered from his phone.

"His phone was seized as part of the enquiry when he had appeared for the first time and the cyber forensic experts had retrieved data, including photos of some parties from his phone," an official said.

Bail hearing today

The Special Court for NDPS cases will hear the bail petitions filed by actresses Ragini Dwivedi and Sanjjanaa Galrani, on Thursday.

The prosecution will have to present its arguments against Dwivedi's bail plea, while it has to file objections against Galrani's plea. Both the actresses are lodged at Bengaluru Central Prison in Parappana Agrahara currently. Meanwhile, the Internal Security Division police have continued their probe in another drug case.

Four people, including TV serial actors, were questioned by the ISD officials in connection with the ongoing probe, on Wednesday.

Actor Diganth was questioned by CCB in Bengaluru on Wednesday | MEGHANA SASTRY

Peddlers held, drugs worth ₹3.3 crore seized

Bengaluru: The City Market police have arrested two drug peddlers and have seized narcotic substances worth Rs 3.30 crore from them. The accused allegedly sourced the drugs from Rajasthan. Rajuram Bishnoi (31), a resident of Magadi Road, and Sunil Kumar (21), a resident of Kumbalgodu. Both hail from Rajasthan and had moved to the city a few years ago. Police said the two were held after they received information that they were trying to sell drugs at the parking area of Metro station on Police Road. To avoid detection, they had concealed the contraband in a cloth bag. They had hidden the sachets containing drugs in the bag and stitched another layer on the cloth. "Investigations revealed that they were smuggling the contraband from Rajasthan," police added.

GREAT DRUG BUST

CCB ACP suspended for leaking info

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TWO policemen, including an Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Central Crime Branch, have been placed under suspension for allegedly helping the accused in the Sandalwood drug racket by leaking information. It is alleged that the ACP had struck a ₹50-lakh deal with an accused to leak information.

MR Mudavi, the ACP of the Women Protection Wing of CCB, and Head Constable Mallikarjun have been suspended. Police said there was a setback to the investigation and it was suspected that strategies of the police were being leaked to the accused and their associates. Following this, an internal enquiry was conducted by Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil. As preliminary enquiry established that the two policemen had helped the accused by leaking information, Head Constable Mallikarjun was suspended.

"The report was submitted to the Police Commissioner recommending suspension of the ACP. Based on the Commissioner's report, the government issued orders on Wednesday, suspending ACP Mudavi pending departmental enquiry," an official said.

Sources said the ACP had struck a deal with accused Viren Khanna to leak the information. "The enquiry had exposed that Viren was still in touch with his associates, though the accused was in police custody. Mallikarjun revealed that he was doing it at the behest of the ACP. Hence, both have been suspended," an official said.

HC seeks response on infra in spl court for lawmakers

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THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday directed the government to file its response on the availability of public prosecutors and infrastructure at the Special Court set up exclusively to try criminal cases involving former and incumbent MLAs, MLCs and MPs.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi passed the order in connection with the PIL it initiated suo motu, to constitute special high court benches to monitor pending cases against former and current members of Parliament and State Legislature. The bench directed the government to appoint a senior police officer as nodal officer to assist the Additional Advocate General by collecting data of pending cases, when the special bench is set up.

A secure room with internet facility should be provided to record evidence, the bench said, and directed the Registrar General to submit details within a week, such as the government order on setting up of the special court, the number of pending cases, including district-wise data, and details of high court stay orders if any.

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VEHICLE AUCTION NOTICE

In view of the default committed by the borrower **M/s Kanva Fashion Pvt Ltd, (Rep by its MD- Sri. N. Nanjundaiah)** Bangalore - 560 086, the Hypothecated Motor Vehicles is being auctioned on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis.**

Date of auction: 14.10.2020, Time :10.30 am to 11.00 am, Place of Auction: Canara Bank, Circle Office, Spencer Tower, MG Road, Bengaluru- 560001, Mode of Auction: Online (service provider - **M/s Antares Systems Ltd,** Bangalore, (Contact no 9686196756 / 080-49352000, e- mail : manohar.s@antaressystems.com.))

Sl.No	Vehicle Model	Regn Month & Year	Registration No.	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
1.	Hyundai Motor India PVT LTD Model – I20 Active VTVTS	07/2016	KA 02 ML 6402	Rs.3,20,000/-	Rs.80,000/-
2.	Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd, Model : XUV 500 R FWD W10 AT	07/2016	KA51 MJ 3249	Rs.5,50,000/-	Rs.1,37,500/-
3.	MARUTI SUZUKI INDIA Pvt Ltd Model – SWIFT VXI BSIV	09/2016	KA51 MJ 5857	Rs.3,10,000/-	Rs.77,500/-
4.	Hyundai Motor India Ltd; Model – I 20 MAGNA VTVT	07/2016	KA 02 ML 6418	Rs.2,75,000/-	Rs.68,750/-
5.	Hyundai Motor India Pvt Ltd Model – CRETA 1.6 CRDDI SX+	05/2016	KA 02 ML 4564	Rs.6,80,000/-	Rs.1,70,000/-

1. The Earnest Money Deposit along with Bid form shall be deposited on or before **12.10.2020 at 5:00 pm.** The EMD amount has to be paid by Demand Draft (DD) favouring Canara Bank, ARM-1 Branch, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/IMPS) to Account No.2366295000004 (IFSC CodeCNRB0002366) of Canara Bank, ARM 1 Branch, Bangalore. **2.** The incremental value will be Rs. 5000/-, **3.**The intending purchaser/ bidder may inspect the vehicle from **7.10.2020 to 9.10.2020.** 3. Successful bidder have to remit the balance amount within 3 days from the date of E-Auction, otherwise the EMD amount will be forfeited. Bidder to bear all the charges for transfer. 4. Bank reserves the right to postpone/cancel.

Date : 23.9.2020
Place : Bangalore

SUDARSHAN JOSHI
CHIEF MANAGER

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DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13(2) Of The SARFAESI Act, 2002

You the below mentioned borrowers, co-borrowers and guarantors have availed loan(s) facility(ies) from Bajaj Housing Finance Limited (BHFL) by mortgaging your immovable properties (securities) and defaulted in repayment of the same. Consequent to your defaults your loans were classified as non-performing assets and later BHFL, has vide deed of assignment dated 26.12.2019 assigned to/in favor of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (Bank) all its rights, title, interests, benefits, dues receivable from you as per the documents executed by you to avail the said loan(s) along with the underlying security interest created in respect of the securities for repayment of the same. The bank has, pursuant to the said assignment and for the recovery of the outstanding dues, issued demand notice under section 13(2) of the securitization and reconstruction of financial asset and enforcement of security interest act, 2002 (the act), the contents of which are being published herewith as per section 13(2) of the act read with rule 3(1) of the security interest (enforcement) rules, 2002 as and by way of alternate service upon you.

Details of the borrowers, co-borrowers, guarantors, securities, outstanding dues, demand notice sent under section 13(2) and amount claimed there under are given as under:

Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-Borrower/ Guarantor, Loan Account No., Loan Amount	Details Of The Securities	1. Demand Notice Date 2. Amount Due In Rs.
Mr. Vinod. M & Mrs. Anitha.N.K Both At: No.485, 5th Main Road, 11th Cross, WOC Road, Near Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore – 560086, **Loan Account Number:** 404HML55579464 & 404GVH55583397 **Loan Amount Sanctioned: Rs. 50,40,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Forty Thousand Only).	All the piece and parcel Flat No.FF4, 4th Floor, Sai Balaji Blossom, Mariyanapalya, Dasarahalli Dhakale, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore – 560024, Having Super Built Up Area Of 1080 Sq.Ft along with undivided share of 240 sq.ft., Together With One Cover Car Parking Space In The Stilt Floor, For Construction On Property On Site No.25, Katha No.358 New Katha No.635 and site no. 26, katha no. 358, new katha no 633 now comes under BBMP limits, ward no.6 jointly measuring East to West 80 feet, North to South 60 feet and in all measuring 4800 sq.ft. Bounded On: East By: Site No. 24, West By: Private Layout, North By: Site No.18 And 19 And South By : Road. **Name Of The Mortgagor :** Mr. Vinod .M	1. 30.06.2020 2. Rs.59,12,943/ (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Three Only) due and payable as on 30.06.2020 with applicable interest from 01.07.2020 until payment in full.

You the borrower/s and co-borrowers/guarantors are therefore called upon to make payment of the above mentioned demanded amount with further interest as mentioned hereinabove in full within 60 days of this notice failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to take action under the act to enforce the above-mentioned securities. Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the act by virtue of which you are at liberty to redeem the secured asset within period stipulated in the aforesaid provision.Please note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained from transferring the above-referred securities by way of sale, lease or otherwise without our consent.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 24.09.2020

For Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd
Authorized Officer

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 1
LIC JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR
NO.4 RESIDENCY ROAD, BENGALURU - 560025

WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(see sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 Read with Rule 31 of The II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)

DRC No.426 in OA No.1176/2017
Between : UCO Bank and Mr. Saravanan E.R and Others

1. Mr. Saravanan E.R, S/o. Sri Radhakrishnan, Residing at No.455, 8th Main Road, BEML Layout, B S Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 079.
2. Mrs Usha, W/o Saravanan E.R, Residing at No.455, 8th Main Road, BEML Layout, B S Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 079.
3. M/s Mayur Daffodirs At: No.87, 27th Main, First Sector, Opp. Police Station, HSR Layout, Bengaluru -560102. Rep by its Managing Partner.

.....Defendants

Whereas, Certificate Debtors 1, 2 and 3 were ordered by the Presiding Officer of this Tribunal through the Recovery Certificate passed on 29.05.2019 in O.A No 1176/2017 to pay a sum of Rs.46,50,849/- to the applicant, and whereas the said amount has not been paid by the CDs.

This is to command to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed and unless they said shall pay to you the above said sum and the costs of this attachment to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.

Further it is commanded to return the warrant on next hearing with an endorsement certifying the day on which and the manner in which it has been executed or why it has not been executed.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted Land by the Assistant Commissioner vide No.ALN:SR(A), 319:2004-05, bearing Sy.No.119/3, measuring 1 Acre 10 Guntas situated at S.Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru and Bounded on the East by : Land of Yellappa, S/o Kivudapppa, West by : Land bearing Sy No. 119/2, North by : Road Reaching to Handenahalli Village and South by: Land of Thyavakanahal Balappa.

SEHEDULE 'B'

482 Sq.ft of undivided share right title and interest in schedule 'A' Property.

SEHEDULE 'C'

Flat bearing No.220 (Second Floor) measuring 1205 Square feet of Super built up area along with the undivided share of land measuring 482 Square Feet in the residential apartment known as "MAYUR DEFFODILS " to be constructed on the schedule 'A' Property and bounded on : East by : Open Space, West by : Corridor, North by : Flat No.221, South by : Flat No.219.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, this the 31st Aug, 2020 at Bangalore.

SD/-
(DEEPA INDU VANI.S)
RECOVERY OFFICER-2

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Salem (Construction and Maintenance) Circle
SHORT TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.15 / 2020-21 / HDO / Dated : 21.09.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received upto **13.10.2020 - 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer, (H), C&M, Salem Circle for **CRIDP 2020-21** Works, pertaining to **Salem** (Package No.11,23) and **Namakkal** (Package No.47, 50) (H) (C&M) Divisions.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **25.09.2020** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) (C&M), SALEM CIRCLE.

DIPR/3571/TENDER/2020

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT / BUILDINGS ORGANIZATION
BUILDINGS (C&M) CIRCLE, TRICHY-1
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE No.13/2020-21/SE/B(C&M)C/TRY/ Dated:22.09.2020
PRE QUALIFICATION APPLICATION TENDER
FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM) / ITEM WISE RATE TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C&M) Circle, Trichy invites sealed tender for the following work at his Office up to **3.00 PM** on **14.10.2020** in two sealed covers. The Pre-Qualification application will alone be opened at **3.30 PM** on the same day.

Name of Work : **Construction of Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) and Hostel Building at Kottur in Thiruvarur District**
Approx. Value of work in Lakhs (including GST @ 12%): **715.00**
Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (in Rupees) : **3,67,500/-**
Period of Completion : **14 Months**
Tender Schedule available date : **From 24.09.2020 to 13.10.2020 upto 5.45 PM**
Minimum Eligibility of the Contractors: **Class I contractors Registered in PWD Above Rs.75 lakhs.**
Price Adjustment Clause is applicable for the above work.

Note : Tender Documents Cost and other details can be seen & downloaded from the website **www.tntenders.gov.in & www.tenders.tn.gov.in**

DIPR/3584/Tender/2020 **Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C&M) Circle, Trichy-1.**

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : 201, Raheja Point-1, Near SVC Bank, Nehru Road, Vakola, Santacruz (East), **Mumbai - 400055.**
Jayanagar Branch : Office No. 180, Amrutha , 5th Main, 4th Block West, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560011, (Karnataka). Contact No.9480074594.

Corrigendum

It has been decided by the **M/S ADHAR HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED** to withdraw the sale of NPA A/c. Asset of **M/s. SHRIDIYA PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED**, published in INDIAN EXPRESS newspaper of Bangalore Edition on **22.9.2020**. As such, the process for sale of asset envisaged therein **STANDS WITHDRAWN**.

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **Sri. Siddaramaiah Rudraiah Kambali Math,** S/o Rudraiah V Kambali Math, residing at: C/o Chittappa, Nagadevanahalli, Jnanabharathi, Bengaluru, has lost the **original sale deed dated: 15-10-2001, registered as Document No. 10104/2001-02, Book No.1, Page No.14, CD No. 49 and registered on 16-10-2001, registered at the Office of Sub Registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, related to site bearing No. 21, measuring 30 x 40, bearing Khatha No.987, Assessment No. 52 situated at Gidadakonenahalli, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk.**

Notice is hereby given to all the general public that whoever find the above mentioned Original Sale Dead may kindly inform / contact the undersigned within 10 days of publication of this notice. After the said period my client will treat the above said original document has lost permanently and will take further steps in accordance with law as he deems fit.

This publication is made based on the Complaint / lost report No.092969/2020, dated: 03-08-2020 filed before Bangalore City Police.

H.C. SUNDARESH, Advocate
115, 1st Floor, Avenue Road Cross, Hospital Road, Bengaluru- 560 053, Mob: 9845638022

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mrs. Vimala Chinnappa,** W/o. Mr. Dominic Sathya Kumar, represented by her GPA Holder Mrs. Manjula N, W/o. Mr. Jacob, residing at No. 52, 4th Cross, Behind SJES College, Jyothi Nagar, Medahalli, Virgonagar Post, Bangalore-560049, the owner of property bearing Site No. 1 (Old No. 188), New Municipal No. 40, PID No. 94-71-40, situated at 3rd Cross, Ramachandrappa Layout, Kariyannapalya, Bangalore, now coming under the limit of BBMP of Kadugondanahalli Ward, measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet has lost the original Sale Deed dated 20.04.1970 (registered as Document No. 164/1970-71) while travelling in two wheeler near K. R. Puram. In spite of her best efforts, she could not find out the said original Sale Deed.

I hereby call upon that whoever is in possession of the said Original Sale Deed is hereby requested to deliver to my office within 5 working days, failing which my client shall be constrained to proceed with the Certified Copy of the said Sale Deed for her further transaction.

H. NAGESH, Advocate,
No. 46, 2nd Main, Opposite to Anand Co-Operative Bank, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore – 20. Mob: 9902201565

Bangalore, Date: 24.09.2020

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
O/o Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari (Near Banashankari Temple), Bangalore-560070

No.EE/RDW&SD/BNG(U)/TND/13/2020-21 DATED: 05.09.2020

E-Procurement Tender Notice (Short Term)
TENDER NOTIFICATION No.13/2020-21/ DATED 05.09.2020

Tenders are invited through e-procurement for the works approved Under Various Head of grants for the year 2020-21 Under Single Cover System. The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted on or before **16.09.2020 up to 4.00 pm.** Date of Opening of Tenders : **18.09.2020 at 4.10 p.m.** For further details contact the above address during office hours or visit **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division,
Bangalore Urban Dist., Bangalore

DIPR/Alaknanda/1184/2020-21

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 1
LIC JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR
NO.4 RESIDENCY ROAD, BENGALURU - 560025

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION

(See Rule 53 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act 1961)
Notice for settling a sale proclamation.

DRC No.426 in OA No.1176/2017
Between : UCO Bank and Mr. Saravanan E.R and Others

1. Mr. Saravanan E.R, S/o. Sri Radhakrishnan, Residing at No.455, 8th Main Road, BEML Layout, B S Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 079.
2. Mrs Usha, W/o Saravanan E.R, Residing at No.455, 8th Main Road, BEML Layout, B S Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 079.
3. M/s Mayur Daffodils At:No.87, 27th Main, First Sector, Opp. Police Station, HSR Layout, Bengaluru -560102. Rep by its Managing Partner.

.....Defendants

Whereas, in execution of Certificate DRC No.426 in O.A No 1176/2017 drawn up by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore, the undersigned has ordered the sale of the under mentioned schedule immovable property.

This is hereby informed that a day on or after the 15th day from the date of serving this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges , claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted Land by the Assistant Commissioner vide No.ALN:SR(A), 319:2004-05, bearing Sy.No.119/3, measuring 1 Acre 10 Guntas situated at S.Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru and Bounded on the East by : Land of Yellappa, S/o Kivudapppa, West by : Land bearing Sy No. 119/2, North by : Road Reaching to Handenahalli Village and South by: Land of Thyavakanahal Balappa.

SEHEDULE 'B'

482 Sq.ft of undivided share right title and interest in schedule 'A' Property.

SEHEDULE 'C'

Flat bearing No.220 (Second Floor) measuring 1205 Square feet of Super built up area along with the undivided share of land measuring 482 Square Feet in the residential apartment known as "MAYUR DEFFODILS " to be constructed on the schedule 'A' Property and bounded on : East by : Open Space, West by : Corridor, North by : Flat No.221, South by : Flat No.219.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, this the 31st Aug, 2020 at Bangalore.

SD/-
(DEEPA INDU VANI.S)
RECOVERY OFFICER-2

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ಮುಖ್ಯ ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗ
ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ಗಂಗಾವತಿ–583227 ಜಿ॥ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ.
ದೂ.08533–230102/230103
e-mail: sdh.gangavathi@gmail.com

SINO:GHGVT/COVID/ /2020-21 Date:21.09.2020

Short Term e-Procurment

Subject:Calling of Short Term e-Procurment tender to purchase essential Medicine & Consumables.

Refference:File approval by respected Deputy Commisioner koppal on18.09.2020

In The View of Covid 19 pandemic purchase of essential Medicine & Consumables Short Term e-Procurment tender has been called By Sub Division Hospital Gangavathi Dist Koppal. Information is as follows.

1. Commencement of e-Tender from website- https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in: **24.09.2020.** 2. Last Date for Queries on or before : **28.09.2020 @ 4.30 pm.** 3. Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before: **03.10.2020 @ 5.00 pm.** 4. Date for Submission of Samples: **On 05.10.2020 4.30 pm at office of Chief Medical Officer, General Hospital, Gangavathi Dist Koppal Without samples items will not be considered.** 5. Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid: **06.10.2020@ 11.30 AM.** 6. Approximate Value of tender: **Rs90,34,200.00**

For more Information contact the following officers in office working hours.

Sd/- Chief Medical Officer
Sub Division Hospital, Gangavathi Dist Koppal

DIPR/Koppal/116/MCA/2019-20

DEEPAK SAHAKARI BANK LTD
No. 1703, 2nd Block, Rajajinagara, Bangalore - 560 010.

POSSESSION NOTICE
RULE 8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002) (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Deepak Sahakari Bank Ltd.** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, has issued a demand notice details hereunder upon the under mentioned borrowers calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and given hereunder against their names within 60 days from the date of receipt or the said notices.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned hereunder.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Deepak Sahakari Bank Ltd** for the amounts due from the borrowers and interest thereon.

DETAILS OF THE NOTICE, BORROWERS, Etc.,

Branch :	**Deepak Sahakari Bank Ltd,** #1703, II Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010		
Date of Notice under sec 13(2)	**Name of the Borrower's Deepak Sahakari Bank Ltd Branch:- Mahalakshmipuram**	**Amount demanded (subsequent interest also Due & recoverable)**	**Date of Possession**
24/01/2020	**1) Sri. Mahesh S T, 2) Smt Kavitha U S, 3) Sri Shashidhar # No.151 V Cross, I N Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010.**	**Rs.69,88,562.00 as on 17/09/2020 Interest + Legal Expenses**	**18/09/2020**
Guarantor	**1) Sri Narendra M S, 2) Sri MuddaGiriyappa, 3) Sri Suresh Mudhol, 4) Sri Shashidhar**		

Description of the Immovable property

All that piece and parcel of two small houses(twin house) in the first -floor (front portion) measuring (30feet X30) feet and vacant area measuring(25feetX40feet) On top of the house(back side of the above said house) in the property property bearing Muncipal No.4 new no.4/3 New PID No.067-W0154-5(old PID 14-9-4/3) Situated at 5th cross, I N Block, Rajajinagar, Nagapura BBMP Ward No.14, Bangalore-560010. Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 30 feet and bounded on : East by : Site No.150, West by : Site No.152, North by: Road, South by : Site No.157.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the cellar portion and a Room Measuring(8 feet X 12.9) feet in cellur portion of the out house property in the property bearing Municipal No.4, New No.4/2, PID 14-9-4/2) 5th Cross, I N block, Rajajinagar, Nagapura BBMP Ward No.14, Bangalore-560010. East by : Site No.150, West by: Smt. Revammma and her Daughter's Property North by: Front portion of the same property, South by: Site No.157

Property Belonging t & Owned by: Sri Mahesh S T

Date : 18.09.2020
Place : Bangalore.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Deepak Sahakari Bank Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr.Gangadhar son of Sri.R.Ravindra Naidu & M/s.UNITED INFRASTRUCTURES, having its registered office at No.06, ITPL Main Road, above Udupi Park, Mahadevapura, Bangalore-48, Represented by its Partners **Mr. R.RAGHAVENDRA REDDY & Mr.G.N.PATTABI RAMAIAH**, has been accorded Environmental Clearance, for their construction of Proposed Residential Apartment at **Converted** Sy No.326 & 327/3, **BBMP Katha No.79/Municipal No.16/Sy No.326/327**, situated at **Amani Bellandur Khane Village**, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the jurisdiction of **BBMP**, totally measuring **2 Acre 39 Guntas**, from State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka, Vide letter No.SEIAA73CON2019, dated: 10.03.2020. A Copy of Clearance letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board, and also at the website of the Authority at https://www.seiaa.kar.nic.in & https://environmentclearance.nic.in

Sd/- Mr.Gangadhar & M/s.UNITED INFRASTRUCTURES

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **SRI. AKHIL MONDAL & Ors**, R/at #25, Sree Seetharamamandiram Road, Halasurupete, Bengaluru 560 002 Proposed to purchase Property bearing **Old No.87, Present No.34/A, situated at Previously known as Akkithimmanahalli Village, Present 5th Cross, Bangiyappa Garden, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Shanthinagar Ward Old No.70, Present No.117, PID No.70-45-34/A**, measuring East to West 45 feet North to South towards East 54 feet towards West 58 feet with constructions thereon and bounded on **East by:** Property No.34/B of Rajanna, **West by:** Property No.34/D of Chellappa, **North by:** Property of Rudrappa and K. Puttaiah, **South by:** Road from Smt. Indrani, aged about 39 years, D/o Late Muniyappa, R/at No.5, 5th Cross, Sampangiramanagara, Bengaluru 560 027. Any person/person having any right, title, interest or claim over the above said property or any part thereof may put forth their claim or submit their objection with documentary proof within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of this publication before under signed within office hours. Failing which my clients will proceed to complete the above said agreement, as there is no objection from any body and my clients will not liable for any future consequences.

M. G. SURESH HOLLA, Advocate
No.201, Gana-Giri, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru 560 002.Phone: 22213061.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client desires to purchase the property bearing Kaneshumari No. 25-505-22, (Gramthana) which forms a part of Survey No. 1/6 in Bheemnakuppe Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 100 feet and North to South 65 feet, thus measuring 6500 ft., (Refer schedule hereto), based on the representations made by its owner Mrs. K R Sudha, W/o Mr. K G Ravindranath, residing at: No. 280, 7th Main, Srinagar, Bangalore - 560 050. This notice of caveat emptor, seeks to invite legitimate objections if any & also invites any lawful expression of right contrary to the title represented here, based on licit documents of title; then such persons with such objections or intervening rights, may notify us within 7 days of this notice, with such legally acceptable details & documents.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Kaneshumari No. 25-505-22, (Gramthana) carved out of Survey No. 1/6 in Bheemnakuppe Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 100 feet and North to South 65 feet, thus measuring 6500 ft., and bounded on the;

East by : Thimmegowda's property
West by : Chennagiryappa's property
North by : Siddamma's property
South by : Road.

BALARAM LAW FIRM, ADVOCATES
No. 30 & 31, HHS COMPLEX, CUBBONPET MAIN ROAD, BENGALURU 560 002
Tel: 080 22113877
Mobile: 9880171511

IN THE COURT OF THE PRL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT HOSAKOTE
C.Mis.No. 181/2020

BETWEEN : 1) Venkataramareddy, N S/o Late P. Narayana reddy, aged about 53 years, R/at 5th cross, M.V. Extension, Vinayakanagara, Hoskote town. **...Petitioner**

V/s City Municipal Corporation, (Birth and Death Registrar) Hosakote Taluk **...Respondent**

GENERAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner is filed the above petition seeking the direction to the C.M.C, Hosakote Town for issuance of death certificate of petitioner's mother by name Sanjivamma W/o Late P. Narayanareddy died on 27-3-2018 at 5th cross, M.V. Extension, Vinayakanagara, Hoskote town. The case is posted for the appearance for interested parties/publics on **07.11.2020 at 11.00 A.M.** Hence interested parties are hereby required to appear either in person or through pleader properly instructed in this behalf on **07.11.2020 at 11.00 A.M** before the Hon' ble Principal Civil Judge and JMFC at Hosakote, Bangalore Rural Dist. Failing which the above case will be disposed in your absence you may be placed ex-party.

Given under my hend and seal of the court this day of 22nd day of September 2020.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar,
Civil Judge & J.M.F.C Hosakote
Advocates and Associates : **HARENDRA**
College Road, M.V. Extension, Hosakote Town-562114.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to enter into a Development Agreement to jointly develop the Schedule Property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder with its owner **Sri.RAJESH.K**, aged about 48 years, S/o.Late.Kempanna, residing near Maramma Temple, Hulimavu, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076.

Any person/s or Banks/financial institutions having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien, charge or interest or objection into or upon the Schedule Property may intimate the same in writing supported by documentary evidence to the under signed **within TEN (10) days** from this date, failing which my client will proceed with the transaction and will enter into a Joint Development Agreement in respect of the Schedule Property and will obtain a General Power of Attorney to sell their share of Apartments and it will be deemed NO valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing New BBMP Katha **No.841,830/733/77/1A & No.841, 830/733/77/1A-1**, old Bommanahalli CMC Katha No.733/77/1A/33/2, old V.P.Katha No.394/9, carved out of Converted land bearing Sy.No.77/1A, measuring East to West: (87/75)/2 Feet and North to South:60 Feet, in all measuring 4860 Sq.Ft., situated at **HULIMAVU** Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of BBMP Ward No.193-Arakere and bounded on the:- East by : Private Property, West by : 30 feet Road, North by : Sri.K.N. Aswathanarayana Reddy's Land, South by : Sri.Kanadad's Property.

A. VIJAYA SARADHY
Advocate, No.64, 29th 'A' Cross
Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560011.
Mobile : 9341258884.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that our client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner Sri.Prakash Chandra Senapati.

Any person (s), having any manner of right, title, interest, claim etc., over the Schedule Property may lodge his /her /their / its objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned **within 15 days** hereof, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the transaction. Any objections/ claims received thereafter will not be entertained /binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No. 01: All that piece and parcel of residential site bearing number **865**, having village panchayath katha number 290/865, PID Number 150200301500322051, measuring East to West 12 Meter and North to South 09 Meter, in all measuring 108 Square Feet, carved out of converted land bearing Sy no.137/1 situated at Taralu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, presently within the local limits of Taralu Village Panchayath and bounded as follows: On the East by : Road, West by : Plot Number 873, North by : Plot Number 864, South by : Plot Number 866.

Item No. 02: All that piece and parcel of residential site bearing number **864**, having village panchayath katha number 290/864, PID Number 150200301500301119, measuring East to West 12 Meter and North to South 09 Meter, in all measuring 108 Square Feet, carved out of converted land bearing Sy no.137/1 situated at Taralu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, presently within the local limits of Taralu Village Panchayath and bounded as follows: On the East by : Road, West by : Plot Number 874, North by : Plot Number 863, South by : Plot Number 865.

H.K. GIRISH
Advocate, **M & G Associates**
82, 1st Floor, 41st Cross, 03rd Main, 08th Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore-560070.
Ph - 080-26632343. Date: 24/10/2020.

KARVY FINANCE

Corporate Office: Karvy Financial Services Ltd. 705/706, 7th Floor, Hallmark Business Plaza, Sant Dyaneshwar Marg, Opp to Guru Nanak Hospital, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051.

Branch Address: Karvy Financial Services Limited, No.54, Yadalam Heritage Next To Butter Sponge Bakery, Vanivilas Road Basavangudi, Next To Butter Sponge Bakery, Vanivilas Road, Bangalore-560004.

Contact No. Siva Ramakrishna Rao Damaraju, Mob No. 9959101236

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE

SALE NOTICE THROUGH AUCTION UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 CUM NOTICE TO SALE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS, RULE 8 & 9 UNDER SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES,2002.

In exercise of powers conferred under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and pursuant to the possession of the secured assets of the borrower(s)/ mortgagors mentioned hereunder, the public and all concerned including the concerned borrowers/mortgagors, their legal heirs/ representatives, as the case may be are hereby informed that offers are invited by the Karvy Financial Services Ltd for purchase of the properties listed below.

Whereas the authorized officer of the Karvy Financial Services Ltd has decided to sell the properties described herein below on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" AND "AS IS WHAT IT IS BASIS"** under rules 8 & 9 of the said Act, through Public Auction.

(1) M/s. M/s. Swathy Smart Cards Hi-Tech Pvt. Ltd (2) Mr. Mr. Sekar Manickam, (3) Mrs. Vijayalami Sekar (4) Mr. Nishanth Sekar (5) Mr. Venkatesha Rajabovi S/o. Late Mr. T. Raju (6) Mr. Ravikumar R. S/o. Late Mr. T. Raju (7) Mr. Mahadeva.R. S/o Late T. Raju (8) Mrs. Tholasamma W/o Late Mr. T. Raju All Are Having Address At: **M/s. Swathy Smart Cards Hi-Tech Pvt. Ltd., No. A1/B2, Bharathi Street, MKS Complex, Opp, Gowri Theatre, Five road, Salem-636004.**, Also have address at: M/s. Swathy Smart Cards Hi-Tech Pvt. Ltd. Chandrodaya Building No. 88/1, Nagavara Ring Road, Opp. Bel Corporate Office, Bengaluru-560045.

M/s. Swathy Smart Cards Hi-Tech Pvt. Ltd., Flat No. 3134, ShobaPentonia Apartment, Near Vinayaka Temple, VeeranaPalya, Bangalore-560045

M/s. Swathy Smart Cards Hi-Tech Pvt. Ltd., 305, Vivekanandar Salai, New Fairlands, Salem-636016

M/s. Swathy Smart Cards Hi-Tech Pvt. Ltd., No. 172/87, Vivekanandha Salai, 3rd Cross, New Fairlands, Salem-636016

M/s. Swathy Smart Cards Hi-Tech Pvt. Ltd., Site No. 9, Khatha No. 22, Lalithadri Nagar, Lalitha Mahal Road, Kurubarahalli Village, Ramanagam-575151

M/s. Swathy Smart Cards Hi-Tech Pvt. Ltd., Gendegowdara colony, KasabaHobli, H. D. Kote, Mysore-570008. Demand Notice Date: 12.02.2019, Total Amount Due as per Demand Notice: Rs.11,36,30,129/- (Rupees Eleven Crore Thirty Six Lacs Thirty Thousand One Hundred and Twelve Only). Total Amount Due as on 13.02.2020, Rs.12,67,06,267/- (Rupees Twelve Crore Sixty Seven Lacs Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven Only).

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the mortgaged immovable property bearing No. 9, Situated at Nayabad Mohalla, Mysore Taluk, KasabaHobli, Kurubralli Village, Mysore, measuring East to West 200 feet and North to South 200 feet, totally admeasuring 40000 Sq. Feet and bounded as: **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No. 10, **East by:** Remaining Portion of Property, **West by:** Road.

AUCTION DETAILS	
Date & Time of Public Auction	**27.10.2020 by 3 p.m to 4 p.m**
Venue	**M/s. Karvy Financial Services Limited** No.54, Yadalam Heritage Next To Butter Sponge Bakery, Vanivilas Road Basavangudi, Next To Butter Sponge Bakery, Vanivilas Road, Bangalore-560004.
Reserve Price	**Rs.5,40,00,000/-** (Rupees Five Crore Forty Lacs Only)
Last date for Submission of Tender Form	**26.10.2020 by 6 pm**
Property Inspection Date	**20-10-2020 from 10.00 a.m to 5.00 p.m**
Earnest Money Deposit	**Rs. 54,00,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Four Lacs Only)

IMPORTANT TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. The intending bidders should be present in person for the Auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself.
2. The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from the Manager, M/s. Karvy Financial Services Limited, No.54, Yadalam Heritage Next To Butter Sponge Bakery, Vanivilas Road Basavangudi, Next To Butter Sponge Bakery, Vanivilas Road, Bangalore-560004.
3. The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the tender form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to the Authorized Officer, M/s. Karvy Financial Services Limited, together with a **Pay Order/Demand Draft** for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"Karvy Financial Service Limited"** on or before **26-10-2020** by 6p.m of Tender-cum-Auction sale hereby notified. The Demand Draft will be returned to unsuccessful bidders
4. For document verifications, intending purchaser may visit: Karvy Financial Services Limited, No.54, Yadalam Heritage Next To Butter Sponge Bakery, Vanivilas Road Basavangudi, Next To Butter Sponge Bakery, Vanivilas Road, Bangalore-560004.
5. The Property/ies is sold on **"As-is-where-is" and "As-is-what-is"** basis.
6. The Sealed Tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders by 3 p.m. on **27-10-2020** of Tender-cum-auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the same will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorized Officer may , at his sole discretion, conduct an open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to Quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of M/s. Karvy Financial Services Limited.
7. The successful bidder shall have to pay/ deposit twenty five per cent (25%)(inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on the same day or not later than next working day on completion of sale and the balance amount of seventy five per cent (75%) within 15 days from the date of confirmation of Sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. At any cost it shall not be refunded. The property shall forthwith be put up again and resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale.
8. The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favor of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein.
9. The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, Registration Fee etc., as applicable under law.
10. The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, Electricity Charges and other Dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government undertaking and Local bodies.
11. The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject Tender or Bid any or all the offers and adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof and also modify any terms and conditions of the sale without assigning any reason thereof and also to modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice. so to modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 15.09.2020

Sd/- **Authorised Officer**
M/s. Karvy Financial Services Limited

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Loan Account No. A/c No: HLN002200106537

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of YES Bank Limited, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued Demand Notice dated 27th Aug, 2019 under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon the borrower **Mr. Dhirendra K Singh (the Borrower & "Mortgagor") And Mr. R K Singh ("Co-Borrower") both** residents No 52/4, Adde Village, H.H. Arakere, Yelahanka, Aradeshahalli, Bangalore Rural, Bangalore 562110, to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being **Rs.24,52,140/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred and Forty Only) being outstand as on 27.08.2019** together with further interest at contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. incurred from **28.08.2019** till the date of payment and / or realisation within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrower mentioned herein above having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules on **21.09.2020.**

The Borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the mortgage of **YES Bank Limited,** for an amount of **Rs.24,52,140/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred and Forty Only) being outstanding as on 27.08.2019** together with further interest at contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. incurred from **28.08.2019.**

As contemplated U/s.13(8) of the Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset

Description Of The Property

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property/land in the layout formed by the Karnataka Housing Board, situated at 5th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064, having residential apartment/flat bearing No.298, S-MIG-B, BBMP Katha No.1204/298/9, in second floor of Block No.19, having super built up area 45.06 Square Meters or 485 Square Feet, Bounded by: East: House No. 297, West: Air space, North: House no. 299, South: Air space. Consisting living with Balcony (Hall), one Bed Room, one Kitchen, Bath and Toilet approximately measuring 45.06 Sq. Mtrs or 485 Sq. Feet built area joint undivided in interest/ownership in the common space, passages, pipes, drains, staircase with RCC Roofing and Mosaic Flooring, house constructed with Jungle wood doors, steel windows in the schedule property.

Place : Bangalore Sd/- (Authorized Officer)
Date : 21.09.2020 **YES BANK Limited**

SVC CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

Corporate Office : LEGAL & RECOVERY DEPT.
SVC Tower, Nehru Road, Vakola, Santacruz (E), Mumbai - 400 055.

Regional office at : No.1,Central Bank Road, Chamrajpet, Bangalore 560 018, Ph: 080 71231027/28/29/ 32.
Branch at : No.666, 12th Main,3rd Block, Rajajinagar,Bangalore-560010.

POSSESSION NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., formerly known as "The Shamrao Vithal Co-operative Bank Ltd.," under The Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 as amended by The Enforcement of Security Interest and Recovery of Debts Laws (Amdt.) Act, 2016 (44 of 2016) and further amended by the security interest (Enforcement)(Amendment) Rules 2018 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 05-06-2020 under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrowers/Mortgagor/Guarantor **1) Mrs. Praveena J. Shah , 2) Mr. Nikesh J Shah,** Both are residing at, No.53/54, Flat No.03, 8th Main Road,4th Stage, 4th Block, Thimmaiah Layout, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore 560 079 & **3) Mrs. Deepa Narendra Shah, D/o Narendra Shah,** No.60,1st Cross,3rd A Main Road, Near Allahabad Bank,Saraswathi Nagar, Vijayanagar,Bangalore-560040 to repay the amount mentioned in the said Notice being totally amounting to **Rs. 22,96,158.53** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Ninety Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty Eight and Paisa Fifty Three Only) as on **31.05.2020** together with future interest at contractual rate from **01.06.2020** as mentioned in the Demand Notice plus legal costs/charges etc till the date of payment, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice.

However the Borrowers/ Mortgagor/Guarantor mentioned hereinabove having failed to repay the full amount with interest, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Mortgagor/Guarantor in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned Authorized Officer of the SVC Co-Operative Bank Ltd has now taken SYMBOLIC POSSESSION of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules on this the **19th day of september 2020.**

The Borrowers/ Mortgagor/Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., for a total amount of Rs. **22,58,375.53** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Five and Paisa Fifty Three only) as on **31.08.2020** together with future interest from **01.09.2020** at contractual rate plus legal costs/charges etc., till the date of entire payment.

The Borrowers attention is invited to sub-section (8) of Section 13 in respect of time available to redeem the Secured Assets.

Description of the Property

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Office/Shop Premises No. 213, New Municipal No. 71/43, being assigned PID No. 77-107-71/43, having super built up area of 515 Square Feet, situated on the Second Floor of the Building known as "EMBASSY CENTRE" constructed on Property bearing Corporation No.11, (Old No.5) Crescent Road, High Grounds, Kumara Park East, BBMP Ward No.77 - Sampangiramanagar Ward, Bangalore - 560 001, along with 515/40,500 Sq.ft. undivided share, right title and interest in the entire land measuring 19,200 Square Feet and all the floors/ceilings between apartments as also walls between adjoining apartments shall jointly belong to the respective adjoining Apartments Owners respectively, and the entire land is bound as follows: East: Property and dwelling house of Sri. Mallappa and measuring on that side 122 feet = 36.9 meters, West: Crescent Road and measuring on that side 107.6 feet = 32.6 meters, North: Old No. 4, Crescent Road & measuring on that side 196 feet = 59.4 meters, South: Old No. 6 Crescent Road & measuring on that side 139 feet = 42.12 meters.

Date: 19.09.2020 **Sd/-**
Place: Bengaluru **Authorized Officer**

GOVERNMENT OF GOA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
WORKS DIVISION VI

Tender Notice No. F-3/PWD/WDVI/ASW/06/2020-2021, dated 22/09/2020

1. The last date of online application is **09/10/2020 up to 15.00 hrs.**
2. The last date of online submission of tender is : **09/10/2020 up to 15.00 hrs.**
3. The date & time of Opening of Online Tender is **12/10/2020 after 10.30 hrs.**

For more details please contact the office of the Executive Engineer Works Div. VI, PWD.,

Fatorda margao Goa.
DI/Advt/774/2020 **Website: https://goaenivida.gov.in**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)

Cox Town Branch Bangalore No. 23/24, Wheeler's Road, Cox Town, Bengaluru - 560005 (A Government Of India Undertaking) (Head Office: Bangalore-560002)

APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8 (1)

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank, Cox Town Branch, No. 23/24, Wheeler's Road, Cox Town, Bengaluru - 560005** Under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **06.02.2020** calling upon the borrower **1) Mr. Madhan Mohan G** S/o. Gangaraju, **2) Mrs. Kavitha C Rao** W/o Madhan Mohan G **3) Mrs. Sandhya G** D/o. Gangaraju **all are residing at** No. 18, Muniswamappa Road, Maruthi Sevanagar, Bangalore - 33 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.27,70,875.18/-** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five And Eighteen Paisa Only) as on **06.02.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **21st day of September of the year 2020.**

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank, Cox Town Branch,** for an amount of **Rs.30,34,419.18/-** (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Nineteen and Eighteen Paisa Only) as on **21.09.2020** and interest thereon

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All the part and parcel of the property bearing No. 18 (Old No. 53/1) (PID No. 86-57-18) situated in Lingarajapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently known as Muniswamappa Road, Maruthi Sevanagar, Bangalore measuring East to West 49+52/2 Ft and North to South 15+30/2 Ft in all measuring 1136.25 Sq. Ft and bounded by East by: Private Property, West by : Road, North by Railway Line, South by: Private Property

Date : 21.09.2020 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

Karnataka Bank Ltd.
Your Family Bank Across India.

Asset Recovery Management Branch, No.39/2, 2nd Floor, ASVNV Bhavan, Opp FKCCI Building, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-560009	Ph : 080-22955928/929 E-mail: blr.arm@ktkbank.com Website:www.karnatakabank.com CIN:L85110KA1924PLC001128

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **02.03.2020** calling upon the borrower/mortgagor /guarantor **(1) Mr. Girish S S/o Mr. Suresh B (2) Mrs. Deepika B V W/o Mr. Girish S** <u>**both are residing at:**</u> No. B 4 1803 Elite Promenade Apartments , J P Nagar 7th Phase , Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560078 to repay an total amount mentioned in the notice being **₹1,62,15,877.00 [Rupees One Crore Sixty Two Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Seven only]** under **Term Loan A/c No. 9107001600025701** along with future interest from **11.02.2020** within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower, mortgagors and the guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, mortgagors, guarantors and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below** in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on this **19th day of September 2020.**

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Bellandur Branch, Bengaluru** for an amount of **₹1,76,79,139.00** under **Term Loan A/c No. 9107001600025701** along with future interest from **11.09.2020** , plus costs.

[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.].

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of residential site bearing No. 22 A in converted Sy no. 42/1, measuring 5040 sq ft situated at Haralunkte Village Begur Hobli Bengaluru South Taluk Bangalore-560068 belonging to Mr. Girish S. **Boundaries of Property: East:** Private Road, **West:** Site No. 22/B, **North:** Road and remaining portion of Sy No. 42/1, **South:** Road.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 19.09.2020

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

Government of Karnataka

RAICHUR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, RAICHUR

(Govt. Autonomous Institution)
Hyderabad Road, Raichur-584102, Ph/Fax : 08532-238488/89
Web: www.rims-raichur.com Email : info@rims-raichur.com

No: RIMS/TEND/HNS/2020-21/74 Dated : 21-09-2020

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR THE SUPPLY OF HNS ITEMS

Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for supply of HNS items RIMS Teaching Hospital RIMS, Raichur **for the year 2020-21** under two cover bid system **through E-Procurement Portal** of Government of Karnataka.

1) Name of Tender : Supply of HNS items for the year 2020-21, 2) EMD : 2.5% of the value of items, 3) Approximate cost of Tender : 61.691 Lakhs.

1) Tender document may be download from E-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from 22-09-2020, 2) Tender must be submitted online through E-procurement portal on or before 06-10-2020 upto 5.00 PM, 3) Technical bid will be opened on 08-10-2020 at 11.30 A.M.

Further information may be obtained from above office and from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and also from this Institution website **www.rims-raichur.com**

Sd/- Director,
DIP/Raichur/330/MC&A/2020-21 **Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur**

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND
ENERGY DEPARTMENT
Office of Secretary (Energy)
PROJECT BHAWAN, DHURWA, RANCHI-834004

NOTICE

Application is invited for the post of Member (Engineering) of Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission (JSERC), Ranchi, as per details given below:-

1. **No. of vacancies - 01 Member (Engineering)**
2. Qualification for appointment of Member (Engineering) of State Commission:-
   a. The Member (Engineering) shall be person who has graduate or post graduate from recognized university in Engineering and should have worked on a higher responsible post in Government, Semi-Government of Private Organisation. The person should have ability, integrity & standing who have adequate knowledge of, and have shown capacity in, dealing with problems relating to engineering, finance, commerce, economics, law & management.
   b. The Member (Engineering) State Commission shall not hold any other office.
   c. The Member (Engineering) of the State Commission shall not be eligible for re-appointment in the same capacity as the Member (Engineering) in that Commission in which he had earlier held office as such.
3. The salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Member (Engineering) shall be such as may be prescribed by the Government.
4. If the applicant is working in organization then the Candidate will have to furnish following information through their organization in which they are serving along with NOC together with the following documents/information:-
   (a) Up-to-date and complete A.C.R.
   (b) Vigilance Clearance certificate.
   (c) (i) Whether any penalty has been imposed on the applicant in the past.
   (ii) If so give details.
   (iii) Indicate if any penalty is in operation against the applicant as on date.
5. The Candidate can apply through speed post or courier services, so that it is received by the undersigned on or before **30-10-2020**
6. The crucial date for determination of eligibility of applicants for the post of Member (Engineering) will be **01-09-2020**
7. The interested, eligible candidates should send their applications along with self attested copies of relevant documents in prescribed application format which is also available on website **www.jharkhand.gov.in/energy** (Jharkhand Government Portal, in Advertisements Section) so as to reach Joint Secretary (Energy) on the address mentioned below on or before stipulated time as mentioned above. Application received after the due date will not be considered.
8. The application should be covered in a sealed envelope written with **'For the post of Member (Engineering).**

Address :- Department of Energy, Government of Jharkhand, Near MDI Building, Project Bhawan Campus, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004, Phone No.-0651-2446647.

Sd/-
(Sangeeta Tirkey)
Joint Secretary

PR 233192 Energy (20-21)_D

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the properties from the respective owners more fully mentioned and described in the Schedule hereunder. The Owners represent that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property and have a good marketable, right, title and interest therein and that apart from them there are no other person/s having any right or claim over the Schedule Property. The Owners further represent that except for the Agreement of Sale dated 13-07-2020 entered between **Shri. Nooruddin Dewani,** son of Shri. Badruddin Dewani and **Shri. Abhishek Ujjani C. S,** son of Shri. C. R. Satish with respect to Survey No. 37/1, measuring 01 acre 35 guntas; Survey No. 38/1, measuring 01 acre18½ guntas; Survey No. 39/1, measuring 36 guntas; Survey No. 40/1, measuring 17 guntas; and Survey No. 41/1, measuring 18 guntas; and the Agreement of Sale dated 27-07-2020 entered between **Shri N. Suresh,** son of Veerabhadram and **Sri. Abhishek Ujjani C. S,** son of Shri. C. R. Satish with respect to Survey No. 36/1, measuring 01 acre 08 guntas and Survey No. 42/5, measuring 32 guntas; they have not mortgaged, created any, right, interest, lien or encumbered the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner with any person/s. Any person/s having objection/s or claims, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s or claims **within Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this Notice with the Undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the below mentioned agricultural dry lands situated at **Gandragoolipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Owner/s	Survey No.	Extent		Boundaries			
			Acres	Guntas	East by	West by	North by	South by
1.	N. Suresh, son of Veerabhadram	36/1	01	08	Survey No. 36/2	Survey No. 37/2	Survey No. 42/5	Obanayakanahalli Village Border
2.		42/5 (old No. 42/1)	00	32	Survey No. 42/2	Survey Nos. 37/2 & 41/3	Survey No. 42/1	Survey No. 36/1
3.	Smt. Y. M. Shashikala, wife of Sri. Chunche Gowda	36/2	00	32	Survey No. 36/3	Survey No. 36/1	Survey No. 42/3	Obanayakanahalli Village Border
4.		42/2	00	25	Survey No. 42/3	Survey Nos. 42/1 and 42/5	Halla and Yalachagere Village Border	Survey No. 36/2
5.		36/3	00	33	Survey No. 36/4	Survey No. 36/2	Survey No. 42/3	Obanayakanahalli Village Border
6.		42/3	00	20	Survey No. 42/4	Survey No. 42/2	Halla and Yalachagere Village Border	Survey No. 36/3
7.	Shri. Nooruddin Dewani, son of Shri. Badruddin Dewani	37/1	01	35	Survey No. 37/3	Survey Nos. 38/1, 38/2 and 38/3	Survey Nos. 41/1 and 41/3	Yalachagere Village Border
8.		38/1	01	18½	Survey No. 37/1	Survey Nos. 39/1 and 39/2	Survey No. 38/2	Survey No. 38/3
9.		39/1	00	36	Survey Nos. 38/1 and 38/3	Survey No. 40/3	Survey No. 39/2	Survey No. 39/3
10.		40/1	00	17	Survey Nos. 39/2 and 40/2	Halla and Yalachagere Village Border	Survey No. 40/2, Halla and Yalachagere Village Border	Survey Nos. 40/3 & 39/2
11.		41/1	00	18	Survey No.41/3	Survey No. 41/2	Halla and Yalachagere Village Border	Survey Nos. 37/1 & 38/2

K. S. Vinay, Advocate,
Jayanth Pattanshetti Associates
102, Ground Floor, "Rams Infantry Manor", No. 70, Infantry Road, Bengaluru-560 001. Ph: 25593195 / 41238516

Place : Bengaluru
Date: 23-09-2020

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> SAM LEVENSON

[FORM- G]
INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(Under Regulation 36A (1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016

	RELEVANT PARTICULARS	
1.	Name of the corporate debtor	**RAVEENA HOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED**
2.	Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	10/01/2007
3.	Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	ROC -Bangalore
4.	Corporate identity number / limited liability identification number of corporate debtor	U55101KA2007PTC041444
5.	Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	Reg-Address Raveena Plaza, #281, 1st Main Alur Venkat Rao Road, III rd Cross, Chamrajpet Bangalore Karnataka- 560018, India
6.	Insolvency commencement date of the corporate debtor	26/09/2019-Court order Received on 15/10/2019
7.	Date of invitation of expression of interest	24/09/2020
8.	Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at:	Available on writing email-mail to the following Address, Kizhakkekara Kuriakose Jose KK Jose & Associates, Yenvee Complex Temple Road, Aluva -683101 Kerala, Email-kkjoseca@gmail.com
9.	Norms of ineligibility applicable under section 29A are available at:	Available at the website of IBBI (https://ibbi.gov.in/legal-framework/) or request by email to kkjoseca@gmail.com
10.	Last date for receipt of expression of interest	09/10/2020
11	Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	19/10/2020
12	Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	24/10/2020
13	Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	03/11/2020
14	Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	24/10/2020
15	Manner of obtaining request for resolution plan, evaluation matrix, information memorandum and further information	Information Memorandum, Request for Resolution Plan and evaluation matrix will be shared by Resolution Professional with the shortlisted prospective Resolution Applicant(s) meeting the eligibility criteria as set out by Committee of Creditors and compliance with section 29A of the IBC 2016 after receiving a confidentiality undertaking as per section 29(2) of the IBC 2016 By email to kkjoseca@gmail.com
16	Last date for submission of resolution plans	23/11/2020
17	Manner of submitting resolution plans to resolution professional	By email to kkjoseca@gmail.com and hard copy in a sealed envelope to the address of the Resolution
18	Estimated date for submission of resolution plan to the Adjudicating Authority for approval	07/12/2020
19	Name and registration number of the resolution professional	Kizhakkekara Kuriakose Jose IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00445/2017-18/10788
20	Name, Address and e-email of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Kizhakkekara Kuriakose Jose KK Jose & Associates, Yenvee Complex Temple Road , Aluva -683101, Kerala Email-kkjoseca@gmail.com
21	Address and email to be used for correspondence with the resolution professional	Kizhakkekara Kuriakose Jose KK Jose & Associates, Yenvee Complex Temple Road, Aluva -683101 Kerala, Email-kkjoseca@gmail.com
22	Further Details are available at or with	Details can be obtained by email to kkjoseca@gmail.com
23	Date of publication of Form G	24/09/2020

21-09-2020
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Kizhakkekara Kuriakose Jose
IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00445/2017-18/10788
Resolution Professional - Raveena Hotels Pvt Ltd (Under CIRP)

The fact-finding committee, constituted under the chairmanship of former Deputy Chief Minister Dr G Parameshwara to probe the DJ Halli and KG Halli riots, submitted its report to KPCC president D K Shivakumar on Wednesday

NIA arraigns Kozhikode resident

Agency seeks 7-day custody to probe his involvement in Ansarul-Khilafah case

TOBY ANTONY @Kochi

NDA activists stage a protest demanding the resignation of minister KT Jaleel in Kochi on Wednesday | ARUN ANGELA

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arraigned Muhammad Polakkani, who was arrested for his links with Ansarul-Khilafah Kerala – the group that discussed IS ideology and was busted from Kanakamala in Kannur – as the 16th accused in the case that was registered after busting the group.

A native of Mankavu in Kozhikode, Polakkani was arrested upon his arrival from Georgia at the New Delhi airport last week. The NIA on Wednesday filed a petition seeking his custody for seven days. Considering the plea, the NIA Court issued a warrant to produce him before the court on Friday.

"His involvement in the case was revealed last year. Ansarul-Khilafah Kerala had formed various chat groups in Telegram to plan attacks on various key personalities and establishments in Kerala. Polakkani was a member of these groups. He used the fake name Harper Parker to interact with other members and later changed his name to Izmamnik Biser. We identified him following our investigation of the groups' members," said a source.

Sources said after Polakkani's involvement was revealed, he was forced to return to India from Georgia, where he was working. On September 18, he reached the New Delhi airport where he was intercepted by the NIA and brought to Kochi.

"His interrogation is vital as several members of the Telegram groups are yet to be identified," said a source.

Quran case: Agency inspects C-apt office

T'Puram: NIA continued its inspection at the State Centre for Advanced Printing and Training (C-apt) office in Thiruvananthapuram on the second consecutive day on Wednesday in connection with its probe into the transportation of Quran copies to the office from the UAE Consulate and to Malappuram. The sleuths seized the GPS recorder of the C-apt's vehicle following reports that its GPS system was disabled deliberately by someone while the Quran copies were being transported to Malappuram. There were also reports that the vehicle had gone to Bengaluru. On the basis of these, the NIA interrogated the office staffers who are in charge of the vehicles' log books. Sources said the NIA officers will verify the log book of the particular vehicle. **ENS**

NO HINDI, PLEASE

A youth tries on a *Hindi Theriyathu, poda* (I don't know Hindi, get lost) T-shirt in Chennai on Wednesday. With these T-shirts becoming more popular after several politicians were seen wearing them, retail stores have started stocking them | R SATISH BABU

Oz agency working with ISRO on Gaganyaan

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@Bengaluru

THE Australian Space Agency is working closely with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on India's first manned mission into space, Gaganyaan, sprucing up its temporary ground station tracking facilities in Australia for the mission. This is following a request by ISRO, as per a top official from the agency.

Australian Space Agency (ASA), established in 2018, has a long history of collaborating with other countries' space missions. This includes NASA's expedition to the moon, where Australia received the first pictures of Armstrong's first steps on the moon, facilitated communication with deep space probes, and rovers on Mars.

Australia has had a partnership with India since 1987 -- "to support data calibration and laser raging for Indian satellites, launching Australian satellites, and conducting joint research," said Caitlin Caruana, Assistant Manager, International Engagement, Australian Space Agency, at a conference hosted by both agencies on Wednesday.

Australia, she said, is keen on collaborating with ISRO and Indian Space companies on its seven National Civil Space Priority Areas — Position, navigation and timing; Earth observation, communications technologies and services, space situational awareness and debris monitoringamong others.

Partnerships can be either between our space agencies or through private sector collaboration between our burgeoning space industries, she told *TNIE*.

Among other collaborations, Adam Gilmour, CEO/Co-Founder, Gilmour Space Technologies, told TNIE that he was looking at a joint mission to the moon or a near earth asteroid with companies in India or ISRO.

While Indian companies and startups are waiting to be able to travel to Australia to pursue collaborations, Barry O'Farrell AO, Australian High Commissioner to India, said Australian government recently announced a process for non-citizens in critical sectors or with critical skills to apply for travel exemptions.

While Australian companies sought clarity on whether they can directly apply to ISRO contract or would require Indian partners, G Narayanan, Chairman and Managing Director, NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), said he was not in a position to comment at present on Australian companies getting using Indian Infrastructure.

'IT industry will return stronger than expected'

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"THERE is a huge client traction in areas like automation, cloud services, cybersecurity, workplace transformation etc," added Infosys CEO Salil Parekh during an earnings call.

Interestingly, the valuations of smaller firms have also dropped significantly in a recessionary economic environment, leading to mergers and acquisitions in the sector. The cash-rich leading IT companies are eyeing opportunities to acquire smaller firms in the overseas markets in niche verticals for efficient client service.

"The IT industry will come back stronger than expected and some of the companies like Infosys, HCL Tech and even mid-cap firms may perform better than estimates. Even though verticals like Banking Finance, Insurance, Retail and Hospitality will remain affected, digital revenues will be a key to the IT industry alongside health, life sciences and education sectors. Smaller and medium cap firms may also do reasonably well because of their ability to clinch deals with lesser price valuations in the digital arena," Pareekh Jain, an industry analysts based in Bengaluru, told *The New Indian Express*.

RESURGENCE

- Wipro's Q1 net reported a flat growth of 0.1% year on year at ₹2,390 crore
- The company's consolidated revenue stood at ₹14,913 cr, a rise of 1.3 %
- Infosys posted a net profit of ₹4,233 cr in Q1
- HCL Tech reported a 32% increase in the net profit for Q1

Reverse migration: 1.5L kids switch from pvt to govt schools

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THE state is seeing a reverse trend ---of movement of students from private to government schools. The migration is mostly happening in rural areas where parents have moved back from towns to villages due to financial issues during the pandemic.

But the authorities are yet to figure out how many have shifted totally. As per the estimates of private schools, the numbers may run up to 1.5 lakh in the state.

Principal Secretary Umashanker told TNIE that the number would be known by October 10 after the admission process is done. "The state, however, is equipped with its 53,000 government schools to cater to the new students. There are schools that are running at suboptimal strength at present," he said.

Govind Kunchapur, a private school administrator from Bilagi, Bagalkot, said a number of students in the town had moved from private to government schools because of midday meals, free uniforms, and the pandemic-induced lockdown hitting jobs.

Keeping a budget school alive, with fees of less than Rs 17,000 per year, is not getting any easier. "With no fees, payment of salaries for 12 teachers and five non-teaching staff members is difficult. As much as 25 per cent of last year's fees is pending as we collect it even after the start of school. Now with this government order, we cannot even urge parents to pay the fees," he said.

Riyaz S K from Jawahar School, Ballari, said, "There are creamy layer schools that have collected fees before exams. And parents have been silent because of good infrastructure. But budget schools are suffering. With no academic calendar, parents are not paying the nominal fees."

"It's a short-term movement and roughly about 1.5 lakh students have migrated," said Shashi Kumar, president, Associated Management of English Medium Schools in Karnataka.

The state is allowing government schools to hold classes, but denying private schools the opportunity, he said.

Budget private school administrators fear that this migration will leave them with more arrears as there is word that a transfer certificate will not be required to move to a government school. The government has assured to draw the Transfer certificate even if the school decides not to give it. Kumar said this amounts to cyber theft and they will lodge a complaint if the department resorts to taking their documents.

ESPIONAGE CASE

Tibetan body for thorough investigation

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IN HP, the police detained a Chinese woman, Lan Hoo, and another person, Sonu Bangtoo, who were "regularly tracking the movements of the Dalai Lama and passing on the information to Luo Sang. They purportedly have got money in lieu of the information," Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur had earlier told media persons.

"One person, who was also on the radar of the HP police in this connection had left for Karnataka before we could detain him," said a top police source. Lan Hoo is married to a German national, said the source. The HP police have further tightened the Dalai Lama's security.

A permanent resident of Cheng Guan Ju in Tibet's Lhasa, Luo had created a fake Indian identity in the name of Charlie Peng through forged Aadhaar cards and documents. He was earlier arrested by Delhi Police on charges of espionage in 2018, but was later released for want of evidence. "It could have been a strategic move by the police to keep a watch on Luo and catch him with greater evidence for espionage," the source added.

Meanwhile, the CTA, which has been taken by surprise regarding the Chinese spy network, has said that there should be a "thorough investigation by the Indian agencies to bring out the truth." "We will co-operate with the Indian agencies," said Chophel Thupten, the Chief Representative, South Zone, CTA. Thupten refused to speak further on the matter.

IN THE HC

'Depute official to check pollution at Sirimane falls'

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday directed the Deputy Commissioner of Chikkamagaluru to depute an officer, not below the rank of tahsildar, to take action against the alleged pollution of Sirimane waterfalls in the Kigga reserve forest near Sringeri, and to check land encroachment and construction around the area. After hearing a PIL filed by G N Ramachandra Rao and four others from Sringeri taluk, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi directed the officer to visit the spot and check whether the waterfalls have been encroached upon before submitting a report on or before October 12, 2020. **ENS**

HC orders police to check noise pollution by 7 masjids

Bengaluru: The High Court on Wednesday directed the officers of Sampigehalli and Hennur police stations to frequently visit the sites of masjids mentioned by petitioners and take action in accordance with the law if they are using loudspeakers in violation of the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi passed the order after hearing a PIL filed by Aruna Sathyamurthy and 40 other residents of The Icon North Apartments on Thanisandra Main Road in the city. The bench said the officers of the said police station should visit the sites of masjids frequently during the timings mentioned by the petitioner with a view to ascertain whether masjids are using loudspeakers and submit a report. **ENS**

Don't go ahead with appraisal on public meet: Court

Bengaluru: The High Court on Wednesday directed the authorities concerned to not go ahead with the appraisal of the virtual public consultation to be held in relation to Eight Lane Peripheral Ring Road connecting Tumakuru Road to Hosur Road in Bengaluru Urban District. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi passed the interim order after hearing a PIL filed by law students Anushka Gupta from Bengaluru, PB Sashaankh from New Delhi, and Pratik Kumar from Ghaziabad, questioning a KSPCB notification issued on August 31. It said that the consultation has to be mandatorily held through video conference but many people affected by the project do not have access to the internet. This was against the EIA notification issued in 2006, the students claimed. **ENS**

'V-C was never removed from post'

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THE comment was made in the light of the consortium's earlier decision to shift its secretariat out of the NLSIU campus in Bengaluru, to Hyderabad and "divest Sudhir Krishnaswamy of his functions as the secretary-treasurer of the consortium."

Mustafa, who was unanimously selected to discharge all the administrative and secretarial functions of the consortium, said that Prof Sudhir Krishnaswamy was never removed from his post, but was merely asked not to discharge his duties temporarily due to the conflict of interest over CLAT, to be conducted by consortium, and NLAT conducted by the NLSIU. The consortium office has not yet been shifted to NALSAR, Hyderabad, he said in a note.

"We are hopeful that bygones will treated as bygones and NLSIU will continue to play a meaningful role in strengthening the consortium. Being the oldest national law university, NLSIU has the special responsibility of mentoring and helping other NLUs, though in terms of legal status, all national law universities are equal," Mustafa added.

Meanwhile, NLSIU Registrar Sarasu Esther Thomas told *TNIE* that the institute will abide by the Supreme Court order. However, the office of the registrar was yet to receive any formal communication about the plan to shift the office of to Hyderabad, or the temporary ousting of the vice-chancellor from his role in the consortium.

Govt working on increasing oxygen capacity in hospitals, says BSY

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ON the issue of oxygen supply, Yediyurappa said permission has been given to convert industrial oxygen cylinders into medical cylinders and work on increasing the storage capacity in hospitals has been taken up on a war-footing.

It may be recalled that during the previous video conference with the PM, Karnataka had requested for setting up of liquid oxygen plants. Availability of liquid oxygen for medical purposes is presently around 375 metric tons per day. "But if there is a surge in the number of positive cases, we will not be able to provide sufficient medical oxygen without affecting industries", the CM said.

He suggested that the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion can incentivise the industry to set up new oxygen generation units. Hospitals are also being encouraged to ramp up oxygen production at their levels, he said.

Other suggestions by the CM included a mission mode approach for the next six months, strict enforcement in containment zones and dynamically redefining them, re-testing of all symptomatic negatives in antigen tests, graded opening of economic activities after ensuring adequate testing and hospital infrastructure, regular monitoring of those in home isolation and more focus on the nine districts with high mortality rates.

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EDITORIAL

"The faculty of voluntarily bringing back a wandering attention, over and over again, is the very root of judgment, character and will

William James

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— Ramnath Goenka

DAMAGE CONTROL BY EPS AFTER MP SPEAKS OUT OF LINE IN RS

The day the farm Bills were passed amid all the drama in Rajya Sabha, there was a small spotlight on S R Balasubramoniyan, an AIADMK Rajya Sabha MP, when he questioned the Centre for the urgency shown in pushing them through. This came a day after O P Raveendranath Kumar, the AIADMK MP from Theni, vociferously supported the Bills in the Lok Sabha, saying it was going to "liberate the farmers from the clutches of middlemen and help them go beyond the mandi". Though Balasubramoniyan voted for the Bill as per the party high command's order, saying "criticism should not be confused with opposition", his dissent not only became a talking point within the AIADMK, a key constituent of the NDA, but also gave enough fodder for the Opposition to unleash a smear campaign.

Tamil Nadu CM Edappadi K Palaniswami quickly went into damage-control mode on Tuesday, saying he would soon seek an explanation from the Rajya Sabha MP. It is obvious that the CM wants to ensure all party members are on the same page regarding the legislation that has kicked up a storm in some states. But what is more important to understand is that the clarification is coming from a leader who has always been vocal about his agrarian background, wearing as he does his farmer badge on his shirt. He noted that the Bills would pave the way for decrease in transaction costs and fetch farmers a good price for their yield.

The EPS government has focused considerable attention towards the agricultural sector, with many reforms to help mitigate the farmland crisis in the state. In February, the government demarcated the fertile Cauvery Delta area as an exclusive agrarian zone even as a series of oil exploration projects were waiting in the pipeline. In June, it followed it up with an Ordinance that allowed farmers to sell their produce across the state to whoever offers a good price. The June Ordinance, which also said no marketing fee should be collected from farmers, turned out to be in sync with the Centre's farm legislation. Having positioned itself as farmer-friendly, it was natural that the government found the 'free market' Bills in Parliament as somewhat resonating with its farm policies. That was why Balasubramoniyan's criticism was jarring and off-tune in the party's agricultural reform rhythm and had to be nipped in the bud.

IMPROVING HYDERABAD'S DRAIN INFRASTRUCTURE

The recent rains that lashed Hyderabad clearly exposed its Achilles' heel. Just an hour's rain led to about 7 cm precipitation on September 17 and around 11 cm a day before. The copious downpour converted open *nalas* in residential areas into veritable death traps, which claimed two lives, including that of an 11-year-old girl. Just a few days before the twin tragedies, the government had stated in the Assembly that ₹26,000 crore had been spent so far to make Hyderabad a better place to live in. It was perhaps to score some brownie points ahead of polls to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation early next year. But all it took were a couple of sharp showers to show alarming lacunae in the city's infrastructure.

It's common knowledge that the present drainage system in Greater Hyderabad cannot handle rains with over 2-3 cm precipitation per hour. Let's remember that part of the drainage system that serves the city is of the Nizam rule vintage. Of the about 1,221 km long *nalas* in Hyderabad, only 446 km is covered, which makes the rest dangerous during rains. The government ought to have proactively taken steps to redesign the drainage system and simultaneously demolish all encroachments in order to make the city flood-free. In fact, an action plan already exists. It was drawn up by the Kirloskar Committee that was formed after historic floods created havoc in August 2000 in Hyderabad. Among its recommendations, the panel had suggested the removal of thousands of encroachments from *nalas*, but successive governments, for obvious reasons, chose to let the report gather dust.

One excuse for poor infrastructure often made is about the trend of sudden cloud bursts in the last few years because of global warming, for which the city is not prepared. But this is not confined to Hyderabad; it's happening across all metros in India. On the positive side, the government seems to have now woken up, as it has announced an outlay of ₹300 crore to cap all *nalas* or provide railings to prevent accidents. It now needs to expedite the task.

With consolidation taking place in several sectors, it might be time to re-examine whether the Indian competition law is up to the challenges

MARKET DOMINANCE AND ANTITRUST LAWS IN THE U.S. & INDIA

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The antitrust hearings against Big Tech—Amazon, Facebook, Google and Apple—ended last month in the US. We can expect to see a report by the sub-committee this month. The main question being asked is whether these companies have become too dominant for the good of customers, vendors and competitors. The best that the Big Four can hope to get away with is a rap on the knuckles. The worst-case scenario for them would be a recommendation to break up the companies as has happened with Standard Oil or AT&T in the past.

The US has a long history of antitrust investigations and actions. The first antitrust law in the US was the Sherman Act, which came into being in 1890. Since then, it has been bolstered by other laws such as the Federal Trade Commission Act and the Clayton Act.

In 1969, India passed its own Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices (MRTP) Act. Indira Gandhi, who was the prime minister, was perhaps even more suspicious of businessmen than her father. The Act was meant to ensure that there was no concentration of economic power in private hands.

This was slightly ironic given that the government handed out licenses about what anyone could produce and in what quantities. Moreover, the government was also inclined to nationalise entire sectors and industries without much ado.

Still, despite all the controls, the biggest business groups and the government played a cat and mouse game. Loopholes, lobbying and corruption ensured that some businessmen always managed to latch on to licences offered by the government. A report that came out just prior to the MRTP Act had suggested that about 75 business groups controlled over 50% of the economic activity allowed to the private sector.

The MRTP Act was not very effective despite it being amended several times. The MRTP Commission launched a great many investigations, but it rarely managed to punish any business house. Some of it had to do with the fact that the burden of proof was high and the commission did not have adequate resources. Other problems included the inability to penalise any business and the fact that any ruling would find its way to the courts.

It could be argued that the MRTP Act came into being in the wrong era. Though it was supposed to check market dominance, the government's overarching influence on business matters through licensing ensured that any dominance was by design, not market forces.

The economic reforms that started in 1991 removed many controls. Many sectors were opened up, foreign and domestic capital was allowed in a range of sectors, and industries and services that were earlier government monopolies started welcoming private players.

After a decade or so of reforms, it was felt that the MRTP Act was a relic of another era and there was no point in amending it further. A new Act was necessary for the new economic environment—and the Competition Act, 2002, was passed, which led to the formation of the Competition Commission of India (CCI). The MRTP continued for a few more years, before it was repealed in 2009.

> While the Competition Commission of India has investigated many cases of cartelisation and even imposed severe penalties, it did not have to deal with the complex issues that US antitrust hearings have routinely faced. But things are changing in India due to three recent government policies/actions, some Supreme Court decisions and now the pandemic

Because of the large number of players who raised capital and rushed into each sector, market dominance was not a great concern. While the CCI has investigated many cases of cartelisation and anti-competitive behaviour, and even imposed severe penalties, it did not have to deal with the complex issues that the US antitrust hearings have routinely faced.

In the US for example, commissions have had to deal with more nuances than either the MRTPC or CCI. In the current case, Google and Facebook offer services for free to consumers. Amazon strives to offer the cheapest products. But Google, Facebook and Amazon also try to shut out smaller rivals by acquiring them or just drive them out of business because of their clout. This reduces competition and that has long-term implications. They also collect data from their consumers—and this data can be used to manipulate behaviour or dictate outcomes.

Why is this important for India? It is because three government policies/actions in the past half-a-dozen years and some decisions by the Supreme Court have been changing the structure of Indian markets, and now it is turn of the pandemic to do so. Demonetisation and GST were initiated explicitly to drive formalisation of the economy. One consequence of them was that bigger, better organised players gained at the cost of smaller ones with lesser resources. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) was designed to solve the problem of non-performing assets (NPAs) of banks. But it has also led to a consolidation in many sectors. The Supreme Court's decisions on telecom have resulted in just a few companies remaining in the sector.

The current pandemic is also playing a role. A handful of companies that have cash or can raise capital are taking over others that are struggling with debt servicing. In a number of sectors, three or four players have achieved overarching dominance. Telecom, organised retail, ports and airports are examples where two or three players control the bulk of the sector.

Is the CCI up to the task? Lawmakers need to examine its provisions and efficacy in detail to see if it needs to be modified or not.

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IT'S TIME PUBLISHERS READ SOME INNOVATION BOOKS

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Publishing is one of the least transparent industries. No one knows what its real size is, even if you exclude e-books directly published on digital platforms and self-published books that are essentially an author's game. Keeping aside textbook sales numbers that are predictable enough, you are aiming in the dark.

Lately, the Indian publishing industry has become very visible primarily because of a small constellation of bestselling authors and a galaxy of celebrity authors. The latter come with the promise of big sales. Literature festivals created the platforms to bring authors close to their readers. They boomed, with every city, every locality having its own Lit Fest, but they were bitten by the glamour bug too soon. Lit Fests became the favourite haunt of fashionistas and the real authors missed the horizon. Whether this buzz has become viable revenue for the publishers and their authors remains a question.

English language publishing dominates the mind space, with most big names choosing to write in English—be it a politician, a sportsperson, an actor or a journalist. Little is spoken about Indian language publishing, though in readership numbers, it may be far greater than English language publishing. Gita Press, headquartered in Gorakhpur, is probably India's biggest publishing house with the widest possible reach and it publishes in almost all Indian languages. We know there is a huge reader's market in languages like Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi and Tamil.

The publishing industry once stood for quality. Authors took pride in being published by reputed publishers and readers could trust their judgement. Today, it is a game of click-bait selling. A book is assessed solely on the basis of the sales it can generate. Nothing wrong in that, as the industry has to generate revenue for itself and its authors. The problem is that readership is not a parameter they focus on, which may be a small percentage of the numbers sold. For example, most self-help books with catchy titles that promise success or happiness like a one-size-fit-all pill clock big sales, but people hardly read them, much less use the pill it offers. Marketing muscle is spent on a select few authors. These cash cows in turn can arm-twist the publishers on their publishing decisions as we saw in a recent controversy.

No one knows the size of the publishing industry. Sales and readership numbers are elusive, be it the leading publishing houses or the small family-run Indian language publishers. Authors give up all rights to their work to the publishers for a small share of revenue generated by their book. The sales numbers are known only to the publisher and the author has no choice but to believe what the publisher shares. There is zero transparency and no interest in changing the status quo. The distributor networks are so distributed that collation of numbers leaves ample room for manipulations. This lack of transparency hurts the authors at the micro level, and it does not help the industry in any way at the macro level.

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Bestseller lists trace their numbers to three primary sources. Nielsen Bookscan data covers 60-70% of the spectrum, but it shares data only with subscribers. The next source is the neighbourhood bookstore and its accuracy is anyone's guess. The third source is Amazon, which is the best one available in the public domain, as it accounts for substantial sales and each purchase is counted instantly.

Book sales moving online is the biggest industry trend. With their deep discounting policies, online portals have effortlessly killed neighbourhood bookstores as well as brought down the margins for publishers. Algorithms have taken over personalised recommendations from fellow readers even when we know that online ratings that feed the algorithms can be easily manipulated by using your influence or money. Like it or not, digital platforms are here to stay, and the pandemic gave them another boost.

Digital platforms are more of an opportunity than a challenge, if the publishing industry chooses to see them as such. E-books account for less than 5% of the overall sales, which means that most people still prefer to hold a book in hand. 'E-books only' and audio books are emerging as a market segment in themselves. Subscription-based reading options are gaining ground as people want to have more choices at hand or judge the readability of books for themselves.

The publishing industry needs to innovate and leapfrog by adapting to new technologies and bringing in transparency. It has to move away from being close-fisted with numbers and start using data analytics to widen the reach of the industry and improve the quality of books published. Data can be used effectively to experiment with new genres, new formats and new mediums. In my years of reviewing books, I have seen just one new-age publisher experiment with new ideas and succeed at some of them. I wonder if we would ever see a publicly listed publishing house that shares its numbers transparently.

Ironically, an industry that publishes authoritative books on so many subjects fails to learn from most of them.

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China must walk the talk

The decision by the core commanders of India and China at the sixth meeting to stop sending additional troops to the LAC in eastern Ladakh is significant. But if China is really interested in peace, it should walk the talk with sincerity, unlike how it has acted in the past.

Sudhakar Cherukunnu, Kannur

Handling foreign funding

The FCRA amendment passed in Parliament is a good move to curb malpractices. Organisations that receive foreign funding should ensure that the money is used for its intended purpose. Those working for the upliftment of the poor should not worry. It is the ones using foreign funds for personal gains and whose financial practices are shady that have a lot to lose.

Abu M George, Pandalam

Teaching them manners

It is great that the Chief Judicial Magistrate Court in Thiruvananthapuram is teaching some manners to wayward lawmakers by dismissing the Kerala government's plea to withdraw the case pertaining to the mayhem in the Assembly in 2014. Everyone witnessed the unruly acts of LDF MLAs during that annual Budget speech.

K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Adding fuel to fire

Whatever may be the grievances of the Rajya Sabha members, one cannot resort to violence in the House. Thus, the order suspending eight members for exceeding the limits of decency is apt. The opposition, instead of advising the members to apologise, has added fuel to the fire by boycotting both Houses.

K R Srinivasan, Secunderabad

Don't be complacent

This is with reference to *Cannot relax in Covid battle* (Sep 23). The editorial rightly warns the whole country against complacency during the pandemic. The government must use all possible methods to advise people to strictly adhere to lockdown norms during the upcoming festivities. States must also ensure that their police force takes strict action against violators.

K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

Festivals amid Covid

As the next three months are going to be busy due to a host of festivals, the Centre and state governments must take extra care and find means to ensure low-key celebrations. We are still in a critical stage in the battle against the virus and a vaccine has not been produced yet.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

A sensitive issue

This is with reference to *Toyota flags some big speed bumps* (Sep 23). While there is a lot of merit in reducing the GST on the automobile sector, it is a very sensitive issue politically. As automobiles are considered luxury items, any reduction in tax will give the opposition ammunition to brand the Centre pro-rich.

Hemanth D Pai, Bengaluru

India as a nation

This is with reference to *The idea of India: A historical corrective - II* (Sep 23). The author convincingly establishes the existence of India as a nation long before British rule. This is accepted by most historians, except for those who do not have sufficient exposure or are trying to promote their political ideologies.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Modi and change

This is with reference to *Narendra Modi and the art of social change* (Sep 23). The initiatives taken by the PM reflect his vision and attitude towards change in India. Initiatives taken by him are percolating to the level of the common man and are admired by global leaders. It takes courage, conviction and compassion to undertake such transformations, which are the need of the hour.

Gurubsayya Donurmath, Hubballi

Politics hasn't played a part

The author highlighted the art of social change undertaken by the PM. He has worked on issues like sanitation and the upliftment of manual scavengers and other downtrodden people, but has never allowed politics to play a dominant role in this.

Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

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Modi has destroyed relationships that Congress built and nurtured. Living in a neighbourhood with no friends is dangerous.

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Mortgaging our harvests to pvt profit, destroying 'annandatas', threatening food security is like sucking roots out of our lands.

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After shooting the economy with historic Noteban & lockdown, shooting States with historic GST, Modi now takes aim at farmers with historic farm bill!

GHULAM NABI AZAD MET KOVIND AS OTHER OPPN MPs WAITED AT VIJAY CHOWK

TMC's Rajya Sabha MP Derek O'Brien gestures as other opposition lawmakers protest against the recent farm and labour Bills at Parliament House on Wednesday | PTI

Return 'unconstitutional' farm Bills, Oppn asks Prez

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A day after non-NDA parties boycotted Parliament proceedings, the Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Ghulam Nabi Azad, met President Ram Nath Kovind on Wednesday on behalf of all these parties and urged him to return the "unconstitutional" farm Bills saying they needed proper discussion.

Eighteen political parties had earlier written to Kovind expressing concern over the manner in which the Bills were passed in the Upper House on Sunday.

Azad met the president while the MPs of other opposition parties waited at Vijay Chowk. In view of Covid-19 norms, only Azad was granted a meeting.

The floor leaders of the opposition parties in the Rajya Sabha also met to discuss future course of action on farm Bills and to take their protest among people. The Congress has announced to hold country-wide protests against the farm Bills and a signature drive to oppose it.

> The manner in which all limits were crossed and rules, regulations and procedures of were thrown to the winds in Parliament, we told the Prez not to sign the Bills
>
> Ghulam Nabi Azad

Other regional parties are expected to hold protests in their respective states and have announced support to nationwide farmers' protests on September 25.

After the meeting, Azad said he informed the President how constitutional rules, regulations and procedures were violated in Parliament, the "temple of democracy". He told Kovind that being the keeper of the Constitution, he should return the Bills to the government.

"We urged the President not to sign the Bills as these are unconstitutional. He should return them so that fresh discussions can take place and proper procedures can be followed and opposition amendments are taken and a division allowed on resolutions and motions. He should grant his assent when the Bills come through proper route," Azad said.

The 18 parties wrote to the President that the consensus was in the opposition's favour. Azad also blamed the government for the ruckus in the Upper House. "The government is responsible for uproar in the House and what later happened. There was no consensus in the House to discuss the Bill after 1 pm on Sunday but the deputy chairman pushed to get the Bills passed," he added.

Mayawati slams govt, oppn over RS ruckus on agri Bills

BSP supremon Mayawati on Wednesday expressed displeasure over the ruckus that broke out in the Rajya Sabha on September 20 over the passage of the farm Bills and hit out at the conduct of the government as well as the Opposition . "Although Parliament is called the temple of democracy, its dignity has been shredded many times. Even during the ongoing Parliament session, the functioning of the government and the behaviour of Opposition in the House are embarrassing for the dignity of Parliament, Constitution and democracy. Very sad!" she tweeted.

Navjot Singh Sidhu holds protest march in Amritsar

Terming the three agriculture Bills as 'black laws', former Punjab cabinet minister and Congress MLA Navjot Singh Sidhu, emerging from a year-long political hiatus on Wednesday, said he believed in the "politics of solution". He held a protest march in Amritsar against the farm Bills, with his supporters raising slogans. Addressing a gathering from atop a tractor, Sidhu said, "Farmer is our honour, pride and respect and the government has violated our honour by bringing these Bills. I have come out for the farmers and for a united cause of Punjab for which I will fight till my last breath."

BKU delegation meets Yogi, vows to join farmers' stir

Amid continuing protests by the farmers over the agri Bills, a delegation of Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU), led by Rakesh Singh Tikait, met UP CM Yogi Adityanath to discuss the situation. However, emerging from the meeting, Tikait reiterated the resolve to join the nationwide stir against the three Bills on September 25. He said that the farmers would continue to protest till the clauses on support price and purchase guarantee were not added to the "controversial Bills". It may be noted that the voices of famers in Uttar PradeshP, especially western UP, are relatively silent.

LS sees 167% productivity in short session

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Lok Sabha managed to take up a short duration discussion on the Covid-19 pandemic on Wednesday before it was adjourned *sine die* amid Opposition boycott of the proceedings.

The Lower House spent 68 per cent of the working time to discuss the legislative business, with as many as 25 Bills passed in the short monsoon session.

"The Lok Sabha had a highly productive session in challenging circumstances on account of the pandemic. The House registered 167 per cent productivity, spending 68 per cent of the time on the legislative business," said Speaker Om Birla, before adjourning the House sine die.

The House on Wednesday also passed The Major Port Authorities Bill, 2020. In the absence of the Opposition, barring the BJD, the NDA members largely discussed the Bill briefly before it was passed. BJD's Bhartruhari Mahtab, whose amendments were rejected by voice vote, said the Bill favours private players.

The Lok Sabha could hold only 10 sittings against the earlier planned 18 sitting till October 1, while working over the weekend as well. The Opposition had moved a number of adjournment motions to take up short duration discussions on a number of issues, including the state of economy, unemployment and non-payment of GST dues to states, but all of them were rejected by the Chair.

Congratulating the MPs for participating in the House proceedings, Birla said his endevour is always that the members get reply from the concerned ministries for their queries within a month.

COVID FIGHT

Focus on micro containment steps, Modi tells 7 CMs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

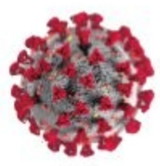
CLAIMING praise for early lockdown in the country from across the world, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday advised the chief ministers of seven worst Covid-hit states to explore the option of micro-lockdown for localised containment measures.

He also informed the chief ministers that the states can now utilise 50 per cent of the state disaster relief fund money from the existing 35 per cent for building the infrastructure to deal with the pandemic.

"The early lockdown imposed by us drew praise from all over the world, and we have seen its effectiveness. The states can look at the option of micro-containment to focus on measures to contain the pandemic," Modi said while interacting with the CMs of Maharashtra, Punjab, Delhi, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

The seven states account for 63 per cent of the Covid-19 cases, and 77 per cent fatalities. The PM said that 60 districts in the country are reporting most of the Covid-19 cases, and the CMs could focus on them to further contain the pandemic.

"The chief ministers can see if they could communicate with people at block level each day in the districts for seven days for effective communication so that the people don't become complacent since a large number of cases are asymptomatic, with people wondering about the efficacies of the tests," he said.



> We should focus only on micro-containment zones... on effective testing, tracing, treatment, surveillance and clear messaging
>
> PM Narendra Modi

The PM stressed on effective tracing, testing and surveillance as the strategy for the containment of the pandemic.

Modi stressed that the CMs should see that there are no impediments to the normalisation of the economic activities. Questioning the efficacy of one or two-day local lockdowns imposed by certain states, he asked, "Is that creating difficulties in the resumption of economic activities in your states? This is my request that all states consider it seriously."

UNACCEPTABLE

India hits out at Turkish prez for J&K comment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA lashed out at Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan for his remarks on Jammu and Kashmir at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), saying that it was gross interference in India's internal issues and was completely unacceptable.

"We have seen remarks by President of Turkey on Indian UT of Jammu and Kashmir. They constitute gross interference in India's internal affairs and are completely unacceptable. Turkey should learn to respect the sovereignty of other nations and reflect on its policies more deeply," India's permanent representative to the UN, TS Tirumurti, tweeted.

In his address, Erdogan said that the Kashmir conflict, which was key to the stability and peace of South Asia, was still a burning issue. "We are in favour of solving this issue through dialogue within the framework of the UN resolutions, especially in line with the expectations of the people of Kashmir," he said.

This is not the first time that Erdogan has raised the Kashmir issue. Over the last one year, he has raised the issue at several platforms despite India's strong objections.

Last week, too, India hit out at Turkey, Pakistan and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) at the Human Rights Council for raking up issues that were internal affairs of the country.

'STOP THE PERSECUTION OF DEMOCRATIC DISSENTERS'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Progressive International has urged the Centre to stop persecuting non-violent protesters, immediately release the incarcerated activists and drop the cases against them.

"Two major criminal investigations in India are a serious cause for concern because they appear to be driven by a partisan, political agenda. The use of the investigating agencies to target dissenting political ideologies in India has been a disturbing trend. The two separate cases of the Delhi riots 2020 and the Bhima-Koregaon incident 2018, have cast a wide net and included public figures known for their decades of social, political and democratic work being criminalised and accused under anti-terror and national security laws," a statement released by the organisation said.

The statement, signed by eminent personalities from India and abroad including Aruna Roy, Arundhati Roy, Noam Chomsky, Jean Drèze, Cornel West, Vijay Prashad and Sarika Sinha, points out that a majority of the arrested persons are from the Muslim community.

"Also targeted are human rights and civil rights activists who may oppose policies of the government, including issues of discrimination and persecution of minorities by the ruling dispensation. These include Member of the Council of Progressive International Harsh Mander, Professor Apoorvanand of the University of Delhi, Yogendra Yadav, well-known intellectual and political activist, and others," the statement said.

According to the statement, many activists in the Bhima-Koregaon case including poet Varavara Rao, Sudha Bhardwaj, Anand Teltumbde and Gautam Navlakha have been unjustly prosecuted. "They are among the many other activists who have been in custody under false and untenable charges," it said.

Saying that the conduct of the government was unacceptable in the international framework for protection of human rights and the Indian Constitution, the organisation urged the NDA government to repeal and halt the use of "draconian" anti-terror and national security laws against democratic dissenters and activists and also repeal the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

No action against FB India VP, top court tells panel

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday directed the Delhi Assembly's Peace and Harmony Committee not to take any coercive action against Facebook India Vice-President Ajit Mohan in connection with the summons with regard to Delhi riots.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Aniruddha Bose and Krishna Murari issued a notice to the panel to file a detailed reply to the petitions filed by Facebook and Mohan challenging the summons and adjourned the hearing to October 15.

During the hearing, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi told the bench that Mohan was not summoned as an accused but as a witness and that no coercive action was intended against Facebook. "During previous hearings, it came to light that Facebook was misused (in connection with communal riots). So, we want to get suggestions from them and devise a mechanism so that Facebook is not misused," Singhvi argued.

However, Justice Kaul, who is heading the three-judge bench, said that the notice issued to Mohan did not give such an impression. "That is not what you have said in the notice. Then you may recall the notice," he observed. Singhvi offered to will file a counter affidavit clarifying the stand of the Delhi Assembly.

During the hearing, senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing for Mohan, said that right to free speech under Article 19(1)(a) includes right not to speak. Salve also told the court that if his client doesn't appear, he can't be compelled to face penalty.

Salve read out the committee's notice to Mohan, which states that failure to appear will amount to breach of privilege. "Privilege is something to be decided by the Assembly. A committee cannot decide whether action on privilege can be taken or not. This is a serious threat," he said.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, who argued on behalf of FB, said the panel cannot compel someone to appear for seeking an opinion. A non-appearance, he argued, can't be a breach of privilege.

Show-cause notice to Sudarshan TV for violating programme code

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that *Bindas Bol*, the show on Sudarshan TV channel that highlights 'infiltration' of Muslims in the civil services, has prima facie violated the programme code under the Cable TV Act and that a show-cause notice has been issued to the channel.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, while seeking adjournment, told a three-judge bench headed by Justice D Y Chandrachud, "The Centre has issued a four-page notice to Sudarshan TV today. It says that the TV (channel) needs to give a written submission before 5 pm on September 28 regarding violation of programme code and why action should not be taken against them."

"If no reply is received to the notice issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, an ex parte decision will be taken," Mehta added.

> The notice shall be dealt with in accordance with law and the Central Govt shall submit a report to this Court indicating the outcome of the notice — SC bench

The show-cause notice has been issued under Section 20(3) of Cable TV Networks Regulation Act. It says, "Where the Central Government considers that any programme of any channel is not in conformity with the prescribed programme code referred to in Section 5 or the prescribed advertisement code referred to in Section 6, it may by order, regulate or prohibit the transmission or re-transmission of such programme."

The bench adjourned the matter to October 5 for further hearing. "The notice shall be dealt with in accordance with law and Centre will file a report regarding the outcome of the decision by then," it noted.

SINKING CITY

People wade through a waterlogged road at Parel, Mumbai, after heavy rain | PTI

Udaipur hotel deal: Rajasthan High Court stays arrest warrant against Arun Shourie

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

IN a relief to former Union minister Arun Shourie, the Rajasthan High Court stayed the arrest warrant against him on Wednesday in the case of an alleged disinvestment scam in the sale of the government-run Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel in Udaipur in 2002.

Last week, a special CBI court in Jodhpur ruled that the sale of ITDC-owned Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel to Bharat Hotels Ltd for ₹7.52 crore during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government, when Shourie was the minister in-charge of divestment, had caused ₹244-crore loss to the exchequer.

The High Court has asked Shourie to personally appear and furnish a personal bond of ₹5 lakh and a surety of ₹2.5 lakh by the next hearing in the case on October 15.

Shourie's counsel Prashant Bhushan, who appeared through video-conferencing,

argued that there was neither the condition nor the urgency to summon the accused by arrest warrant, and that the CBI court had grievously erred in passing its order last week.

Justice Dinesh Mehta converted the arrest warrant of Shourie into a bailable warrant and directed him to furnish a personal bond and surety.

The relief to Shourie was widely expected as the HC on Tuesday had already stayed the arrest warrant against former disinvestment secretary Pradip Baijal and two others — MD of Lazard India Ltd Ashish Guha and MD of Bharat Hotels Ltd Jyotsana Suri.

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MASSIVE SEARCHES

Sleuths of the Central Bureau of Investigation on Wednesday carried out series of raids at 15 places in Kolkata and districts in West Bengal sharing borders with Bangladesh in connection with a cattle smuggling case in which a BSF commandant was held accused

19 BILLS PASSED BY U'KHAND ASSEMBLY

Ahmedabad	37	26	Mumbai	28	25
Bhopal	32	24	Panaji	30	24
Jaipur	36	27	Patna	30	24
Amritsar	35	24	Lucknow	27	25
Chennai	35	25	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	31	27	Imphal	31	21
Srinagar	30	10	Chandigarh	34	25

Ex-Bihar DGP to take poll plunge?

Word is Gupteshwar Pandey may contest either from Buxar Assembly or Bagaha LS seat

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

SPECULATION is rife over the career plans of Gupteshwar Pandey, who took voluntary retirement as Bihar's police chief ahead of the Assembly polls in the state.

Sources say Pandey is likely to contest either from Buxar, his home district, or from Bagaha Lok Sabha seat for which a by-election is due following the death of JD-U MP Baidyanath Prasad Mahto.

Pandey's style of functioning and his remarks, especially in the Sushant Singh Rajput case, have drawn him in the media glare. His request for VRS from the DGP post was approved on Tuesday. A senior IPS officer of 1988-batch, SK Singhal, will function as Pandey's replacement until further orders.

Known as the 'people's cop', Pandey is a multifaceted personality of the Indian Police Service: he sang and preached skilfully before a crowd.

This is the first time in Bihar that a senior-most IPS officer has taken VRS and is widely speculated to be joining politics soon. Although Pandey told the media that he had no immediate plans to join any party, it is known that politicians of various parties have approached him to contest the elections.

Former Bihar DGP Gupteshwar Pandey, who has taken voluntary retirement from service, arrives to address a press conference in Patna on Wednesday | PTI

Pandey had applied for VRS in 2009, but when he did not get a ticket for the LS election, he managed to return to his job, reportedly with the help of CM Nitish Kumar. In the Sushant Singh Rajput controversy, he had strongly protested the forcible quarantine of Patna City (Central) SP Vinay Kumar Tiwari by the Mumbai civic body when Kumar was in the tinsel town as part of the state police probe in the actor's death case.

Sources said CM Nitish Kumar had recently nudged him for a political role at an event on the Teachers' Day in Patna.

"I am a self-made man from Bihar," he told the media. "There is no judge or officer in my family. I have done my school studies sitting on the ground. That's why I can feel the people's pulse," he commented on his 34-year career.

Pandey graduated from Patna University in Sanskrit and even took his UPSC exam in Sanskrit. He cleared the UPSC in his first attempt and went on to become an Income Tax officer. In his second attempt, he cleared the IPS. Pandey served as the SP of several Maoist-affected districts like Aurangabad, Jehanabad, Arwal, Begusarai and Nalanda, besides being DIG of Munger and Muzaffarpur zone.

A month ago, former DGP and 1987-batch IPS officer Sunil Kumar had joined the ruling JD-U and is likely to contest the assembly election from his home district Gopalganj. In the recent past, two former DGPs — Ashish Ranjan Sinha and Ashok Kumar Gupta — joined politics post-retirement.

'VRS EXPOSES BJP'S AGENDA'

Maha Vikas Aghadi leaders claimed that the BJP's ploy to tarnish Maharashtra's image was exposed after Pandey's decision of quitting police service and contesting the Bihar elections. BJP used Sushant's death as an opportunity to get an advantage in the Assembly polls, Congress leader Sachin Sawant claimed

Four Bollywood actors get NCB notice for drug probe

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has summoned Bollywood actors Deepika Padukone, Sara Ali Khan, Shraddha Kapoor and Rakul Preet Singh in the Sushant Singh Rajput death case. The NCB has also asked fashion designer Simone Khambatta to present herself before it.

The NCB said Deepika Padukone, who is busy shooting in Goa, will be called on September 25. Sara Ali Khan and Shradha Kapoor will follow suit on September 26 while Rakul Preet Singh and Khambatta will appear before the probe agency on September 24 in Mumbai.

The NCB has already arrested Rhea Chakraborty, her brother Showik, Sushant's house manager Samuel Miranda, personal staff Dipesh Sawant in the case.

Rhea and Showik's bail application will come up for hearing before Justice SV Kotwal on September 24. Rhea has allegedly revealed that Sushant got hooked to some banned substance in the company of Sara Ali Khan while shooting for '*Kedarnath*'.

In the WhatsApp chats of these actresses being probed by the NCB, it was revealed that Deepika Padukone had also discussed the drug. Padukone's manager Karishma Prakash and CEO of the Kwan talent management agency Dhruv Chitgopekar have already been summoned and interrogated.

NCB sources said some WhatsApp messages were found from Karishma's phone, which revealed a conversation between one 'D' and 'K' on the banned drugs.

> Finally for the first time Bullywood mafia wishing that Sushant wasn't killed and Kangana wasn't pushed against the wall, for the first time they are regretting their cruelty, sadism and silence
>
> Kangana Ranaut

Earlier in the day, the NCB continued questioning Sushant's talent manager Jaya Saha for the third consecutive day. Besides Saha, the NCB is also questioning Madhu Mantena Varma, a noted producer, who gave blockbusters such as '*Udta Punjab*' and '*Ghajini*'.

According to NCB sources, Varma is being confronted with Saha over alleged chats of them discussing drugs. NCB has also questioned Sushant's former manager Shruti Modi on a number of occasions.

Besides the NCB, the CBI and the ED are also probing the death case of Sushant.

Actors Deepika Padukone, Shraddha Kapoor, Rakul Preet Singh and Sara Ali Khan

Rhea admits sourcing drugs for Sushant

MUMBAI: Seeking bail before Bombay High Court in the NDPS case, actor Rhea Chakraborty in her bail application admitted 'procuring drugs" but for live-in partner Sushant Singh Rajput.

The 28-year-old actor, who was remanded to judicial custody for a second time, says that the documents collected by probe agencies clearly indicate that Sushant directing his staff Samuel Miranda and Dipesh Sawant to procure his drugs. She claimed she and her brother Showik were used by the late actor to procure drugs for himself.

Rhea's application also states that Neeraj, who worked as a cook, told CBI and the Mumbai Police that three days before his death, Sushant had asked him to make ganja joints/doobies and place them in his bedroom. "Neeraj had prepared the joints and kept them in a box in Sushant's bedroom." *ENS*

BIHAR ELECTION

Covert poster wars spare none, spice up poll campaign

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Patna

ANONYMOUS posters coming up overnight and taking potshots at ruling and opposition alliances have added to the poll heat in Bihar. And they spare none, be it CM Nitish Kumar or incarcerated RJD chief Lalu Prasad and his family.

Some of the posters depicted the RJD first family as "*bhar*" (burden) on Bihar were pasted across the state capital on Monday.

The next day, Patna was flooded with posters highlighting lines of PM Narendra Modi spoken against Nitish during the general and assembly elections of 2014 and 2015. "Who is behind such kind of poster war is known but none of them had taken credit of putting such poster," Anjani Kumar, a senior citizen of Patna, said.

A few days ago, posters were put up on every road sides of Patna highlighting Modi's praise of Nitish. Needless to say that it generated a strong political reaction among the opposition.

According to an official of Patna Municipal Corporation, Patna has see more than 15 rounds of poster wars since October last year featuring ruling and opposition parties with either side not taking credit for the covert operations.

In fact, posters began appearing against the Nitish government when Patna got submerged under rainwater in October 2019.

The anonymous posters against the chief minister and his Cabinet colleagues were pasted all over Patna targeting them on waterlogging that had wrecked watery havoc on the lives of the people.

NIA gets teeth in narco terrorism investigation, can seize contraband

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AMID demands for an NIA probe into the alleged Bollywood drug cartel, the government has empowered the anti-terror agency to seize narcotics in cases related under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

NIA officials, however, said the move to empower NIA in narco-related cases had been overdue for long, much before the high-profile Sushant Singh Rajput case.

"In exercise of the power conferred by sub section (1) of section 53 of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, the central government, after consultation with the state Government, hereby invests the officers of and above the rank of inspectors in the NIA constituted under NIA Act 2008 to exercise the power and perform duties specified in sub section (1) of that section, within the area of their jurisdiction," stated a notification issued by Ministry of Finance.

NIA officials said the authority to seize narcotics was much felt much required especially in context of many cases of narco-terrorism that the anti-terror agency has been probing in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab.

"This move empowers NIA officials to seize narcotics in the cases under investigation with NIA and take appropriate action as per law," said a senior NIA official.

"The NIA has been investigating several cases of narco-terrorism. But NIA officers did not have the power to seize narcotics in case they find any during searches in the houses of the accused/suspect. To remove this difficulty, this notification has been issued," the official added.

NIA officials added that the agency has not been directed to take up the case of late actor Sushant Singh Rajput.

LONG OVERDUE

- The move to empower NIA in narco-related cases had been overdue for long, much before the Sushant Singh Rajput case
- Its need was felt especially in many cases of narco-terrorism being probed in J&K and Punjab

EXPRESS READ

Relief for over 500 J&K Police officers

Srinagar: J&K administration on Wednesday promoted and regularized over 550 police officers at the level of SP and DySP. Their regularisation and promotion was pending since 2007 as the J&K Police was caught in seniority disputes over a long period of time. The promotion and regularisation of over 550 officers at level of SP and DySP has finally paved way for smooth career progression of the gazetted cadre, putting to rest more than three decades of disputes.

Unease on farm Bills, but Chautalas not to ditch BJP like Badals

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

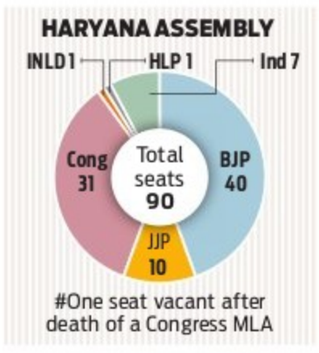
THE BJP-Jannayak Janata Party coalition government in Haryana appears under no threat as of now following passage of three agriculture reforms Bills in Parliament. Sources in JJP say the farmers-based party is likely to pacify the agitating farmers.

After the Shiromani Akali Dal withdrew Harsimrat Kaur Badal from the Union cabinet in protest against the Bills, it was speculated that pressure was building on Dushyant Chautala-led JJP to take a similar step.

On Sunday, JJP MLAs Jogi Ram Sihag and Ram Karan Kala had joined the farmers' road blockade. A few days ago, farmers in Pipli were cane-charged, drawing condemnation from Digvijay Chautala, the younger brother of Dushyant. The JJP leader too had flayed the police action.

Commenting on the coalition government, political analyst Prof Raghuvendra Tanwar of Kurukshetra University said that JJP would not break the alliance with the BJP as these farm Bills are "aimed at genuinely helping the farmers". "The Chautalas are grassroots leaders with a strong rural network. They cannot afford to take a wrong decision."

"The JJP leadership would be able to pacify the farmers. It might take some time. The protests are taking place only in two states, Punjab and Haryana," Tanwar said.



#One seat vacant after death of a Congress MLA

While thanking the Centre for increasing the MSP of rabi crops, Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala said on Tuesday that the measure has "proved that the opposition claims of farm bills being a threat to the MSP were lies". "We are trying to remove the doubts of farmers about the MSP," he said.

He said that Food Corporation of India and other state agencies would continue to purchase the crops as before. He referred to PM Modi's statement that the system of *mandis* will remain intact.

It is learnt that there is a lot of pressure on the government to meet the farmers' associations and agree to their demands. Gurnam Singh Chaduni, president of the state Bhartiya Kisan Union, has said that the elected representatives should not turn a blind eye to the agitation.

PROMISE KEPT

Minister hands over cars to J'khand toppers

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

JHARKHAND Education Minister Jagarnath Mahto on Wednesday kept his promise of gifting cars to Class 10th and 12th state exam toppers.

Mahto also promised to adopt toppers from the next year so that they can complete their studies without any hurdle.

"Today, I fulfilled the commitment made earlier to the students on the day the results were declared. I also promise to adopt state toppers from next year so that they do not have to face any hurdle in completing their studies and excel in their lives," the minister said at a programme in the Jharkhand Assembly building which was attended by Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahto.

Manish Kumar Katiyar and Amit Kumar, who topped in the Class 10 and 12 exams this year, were handed over keys of Alto cars. Both were overwhelmed to get the award and said that such gifts encourage them to do better in their lives.

Manish Kumar Katiyar and Amit Kumar, who topped in the Class 10 and 12 exams this year, with the keys of their cars | EXPRESS

"It is really a proud moment for us that such a grand programme has been organized for us which will prove to be an encouraging factor, not only us, but for the coming generations also for doing better in their lives," said Amit Kumar.

Mahto, meanwhile, said one of his colleagues in the Assembly suggested that students should be given cash prize so that they can use it for their educational expenses. "As the announcement had already been done, I will adopt state toppers and bear all their educational expenses from next time."

The minister said he has been gifting laptops to the toppers of his constituency for the last 15 years.

Earlier on Wednesday, the education minister gifted a motorbike to the Class 10 topper, besides 340 bicycles to the students who scored more than 75 per cent in his Assembly constituency Bokaro.

Mahto, a matriculate, came in limelight after he took admission in Nawadih Devi Mahto Inter School, which he had set up in 2006 after becoming an MLA for the first time in 2005. Mahto had claimed that he decided to take admission for removing the blot of an underqualified education minister.

Forest staff to radio collar leopards

For the next year's Mahakumbh, Uttarakhand forest department has decided to radio collar leopards in selected locations to check human-animal conflict. The religious event is expected to witness congregation of over 10 crore people from January to March 2021. "We have written to the MoEFC for permission to radio collar atleast 15 leopards in Rajaji National Park, Dehradun and Haridwar forest divisions," chief wildlife warden JS Suhag said. Fifteen leopards will be radio collared in the initial phase. Efforts to rope in Wildlife Institute of India are on for the task, said the officials. Leopards are most affected in man-animal conflicts in the state.

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DEHRADUN DIARY

ED takes action on those accused in NH scam

The ED has attached movable and immovable properties worth Rs 11.62 crore belonging to seven accused in the multi-crore National Highway-74 corruption case. The case pertains to alleged irregularities in land acquisition for construction and widening of the 374-km long Haridwar-Bareilly stretch in Uttarakhand. Some beneficiaries are alleged to have sold farmland to receive at least 10 times higher compensation from the NHAI. A majority of these cases were reported from Kashipur, Jaspur, Bajpur, and Sitarganj areas of Udham Singh Nagar district. The ED attached properties of Barinder Singh, Mandeep Singh, Harjinder Singh, Balwant Singh, Ramesh Kumar, Vikramjeet Singh, and their family members.

ITBP team leaves for Gangotri-2 peak

A 53-member ITBP team was flagged off for a mountaineering expedition to scale 21,620-ft-high Gangotri-2 peak in Uttarkashi district earlier this month. Interestingly, the adventure event is the first of ITBP in which female officers and jawans were allowed to join. The 53-member team comprises 11 female officers and jawans. The team will scale the Gangotri-2 peak. The team was flagged off from ITBP's base of 35th battalion based in Mahidanda area of Uttarkashi. The team was given training of 10 days in Uttarkashi-based Nehru Institute of Mountaineering.

U'khand improves in business ranking

Uttarakhand has improved its ease of doing business ranking from 23rd position in 2015 to 11th in 2019. Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat said Uttarakhand has all the ingredients, including a clean environment, a better law and order situation, a disciplined workforce and absence of labour disputes, which can help the state become an ideal investment destination. The state has vastly improved ease of doing business ranking is a result of positive partnership between the state and the Centre, Rawat said. Uttarakhand has come up with several plans to help those interested in investment, he added.

6,00,000 copies of Bob Woodward's *Rage* were sold in its first week of publication

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Beijing	29	18	SNY	Los Angeles	25	16	SNY
Colombo	28	24	TDS	Melbourne	20	11	LC
Dhaka	33	25	LC	Moscow	21	11	LC
Dubai	41	30	SNY	New York	25	22	LR
Houston	36	25	SNY	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	32	21	SNY	Toronto	27	19	LR
London	19	15	LC	Washington	29	24	LC

US jury indicts policeman over black woman's shooting

Kentucky police officer charged with three counts of "wanton endangerment" over March's fatal shooting of 26-year-old Breonna Taylor

LOUISVILLE

A Louisville police officer was charged with three counts of "wanton endangerment" on Wednesday in connection with the March shooting of a 26-year-old black woman in the US city.

Judge Annie O'Connell announced the charges brought by a grand jury against Brett Hankison, one of three police officers involved in the fatal shooting.

Her death fueled weeks of anti-racism protests in Louisville, Kentucky, and became a nationwide rallying cry for the Black Lives Matter movement for police reform.

Taylor, an emergency room technician, was shot dead in her apartment when three plainclothes police officers executing a "no knock" search warrant burst in late at night.

Her boyfriend, who was in bed with her, grabbed a gun and exchanged fire with the officers. He later said he thought they were criminals.

The officers, who had not activated their body cameras as required, shot Taylor multiple times, killing her. A police sergeant was wounded.

The city of Louisville settled a wrongful death suit with Taylor's family for $12 million just last week.

A woman in Louisville, Kentucky can't hold back her tears after hearing about the indictment of police officer in Breonna Taylor shooting; (inset) Breonna Taylor | AP

A state of emergency was declared by the mayor in Louisville, which has a population of 6,00,000, with much of downtown closed to traffic.

Some downtown business owners boarded up their shops in anticipation of potential unrest sparked by the grand jury decision.

Louisville police chief Robert Schroeder had made it clear that the authorities would not tolerate any "violence or destruction of property."

"We are prepared to meet any challenge we may face," Schroeder said, calling for demonstrators to protest "peacefully and lawfully."

The civil settlement with Taylor's family reflected the public pressure and emotion surrounding her death, which came about two months before that of George Floyd, a black man who was killed by a white police officer in Minneapolis.

Floyd's death triggered protests across the US against racial injustice and police brutality. Several prominent African American celebrities including Oprah and Beyoncé have joined those urging that the officers be charged. *Agencies*

SECRET AID

US man ships computers to Pak nuclear body, arrested

WASHINGTON

A 65-year-old American of Pakistani orgin has been arrested for allegedly exporting high-performance computer equipment and software application solutions from the US to Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission without necessary government approval, according to federal prosecutors. Obaidullah Syed, who owned Pakistan-based Business System International Private Limited and Chicago-based BSI USA, was arrested on September 16 and faces a maximum sentence of 20 years if convicted.

Federal prosecutors said the two companies owned by Syed provided high-performance computing platforms, servers, and software application solutions. From 2006 to 2015, Syed and BSI conspired with company employees in Pakistan to violate the International Emergency Economic Powers Act by exporting computer equipment.

Amid furore, Belarus leader holds secret inauguration after poll victory

MINSK

BELARUS leader Alexander Lukashenko held his presidential inauguration in secret on Wednesday after claiming victory in disputed polls that his opposition rivals have described as massively rigged.

A number of European countries including Germany responded by refusing to recognise him as the legitimate president of the ex-Soviet state, as the EU has proposed sanctions over vote violations and police violence.

His opposition rival Svetlana Tikhanovskaya reiterated her claim to be the true winner of the elections in a statement, saying that the "so-called inauguration is of course a farce."

Lukashenko has faced massive demonstrations against his rule since claiming victory with more than 80% of the vote in a presidential election on August 9, with tens of thousands marching at the latest protest in Minsk on Sunday.

The date of his inauguration had not been announced, but on Wednesday, the Belta state news agency broke the news that he had "taken office as President of Belarus."

Alexander Lukashenko

Belta said the ceremony was taking place in the Palace of Independence, which houses the president's offices, while it was not shown live on state television. "If the inauguration had been announced in advance, 200,000 demonstrators would have gathered outside his palace," said Ales Belyatsky, head of the Viasna rights group.

He predicted Lukashenko's assuming office while seen by many as an "illegitimate president" would trigger "even larger mass protests."

Lukashenko's pushing ahead with inauguration despite elections described by the EU as not free or fair prompted many countries to refuse to acknowledge his presidency.

Germany does not recognise Lukashenko as president of Belarus, declared government spokesman, Steffen Seibert, saying his re-election lacked "democratic legitimacy."

Officials including the Slovak Foreign Minister Ivan Korcok and Danish counterpart Jeppe Kofod made similar statements, as did the Baltic states and the Czech Republic.

On the streets of Minsk, people also rejected Lukashenko's right to rule. "From today we are officially ruled by a usurper," said 38-year-old. *AFP*

NAVALNY LEAVES HOSPITAL, TO REMAIN IN GERMANY FOR NOW

MOSCOW

LEADING Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny, who the West believes was poisoned with a Soviet-era nerve agent, has been discharged from hospital after a month and can make a full recovery, doctors treating him said.

Navalny spent 32 days in the Charite hospital in the German capital, including 24 days in intensive care, before his release on Tuesday, the hospital said.

"Based on the patient's current condition, the treating physicians believe that complete recovery is possible," Charite said, adding however that it remained too early to assess any long-term effects of his severe poisoning. *AFP*

Nepali group protests 'Chinese expansion'

KATHMANDU

A civil society group in Nepal has launched protests against China for allegedly constructing buildings on the country's territory in Humla district, according to media reports.

The activists chanted slogans such as "Return Nepal's land" and "stop Chinese expansionism," it said. According to reports, China has allegedly constructed 11 buildings on the Nepalese territory in theHumla district bordering Tibet. The disputed area lies in Lampcha village of Namkha Rural Municipality in Humla district. Beijing has maintained that the constructions were carried out on the Chinese side of the border. *PTI*

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KRISHNAMURTHY B. N, S/o B. M Nagaraj Reddy, aged about 36 years, R/at No.06, Sri. Renuka Nilaya, Near Milk Dairy, Bileshivale, Doddagubbi Post, Bengaluru 560077, have changed my son's name from **SANJAN.K. REDDY** to **"SANJAN SIDHARTH.K. REDDY"**. vide affidavit dated 23.09.2020 sworn to before Notary **Prakash. C,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **S.NADEEM JOHN,** S/o Sahib Jan, residing at No.20, Mubeena House, Robertson Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005, have changed my name to **NADEEM JAN. S.,** vide affidavit dated 21.09.2020, before Notary **HAFEEZULLA KHAN. M.,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SHOBHA CHAJJED, W/o. Prakash Jain, residing at No. G-3-08, Platinum City, HMT Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SHOBHA BAI** vide affidavit Dated 11/09/2020 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Lokesh.B, S/o. Shankarappa, aged about 40 years, residing at No 3/a, 1st A Main Raod, Kaveri Layout, Near Saraswathi Nagar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560040 have changed my name from **'LOKESH B'** to **'LALITH KUMAR'** Vide affidavit dated 23.09.2020 Sworn before Advocate and Notary, Puttaramaiah, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KRISHNAMURTHY B. N, S/o B. M Nagaraj Reddy, aged about 36 years, R/at No.06, Sri. Renuka Nilaya, Near Milk Dairy, Bileshivale, Doddagubbi Post, Bengaluru 560077, have changed my son's name from **PRIYANK.K. REDDY** to **"PRIYANK PURVIK.K. REDDY"**. vide affidavit dated 23.09.2020 sworn to before Notary **Prakash. C,** at Bangalore.

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ವಾಸ : ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. 4, ನೆಲಮಹಡಿ, 'ಜೆ' ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ಜೊಲೀಸ್ ಕ್ವಾಟ್ರಸ್, ಬಿಡದಿ ಟೌನ್, ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ. ಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ **ವನಜಾಕ್ಷಮ್ಮ** ಬಿನ್ ಕದರಯ್ಯ, ವಯಸ್ಸು 30 ವರ್ಷ, ಆದ ನಾನು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಮಾಣೀಕರಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರು **ವನಜಾಕ್ಷಮ್ಮ** ಎಂಬುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬದಲಾಗಿ **"ವನಜಾಕ್ಷಿ ಕೆ. ಸಮೃದ್ಧಿ"** ಎಂದು ದಿನಾಂಕ : 28.08.2020 ರಂದು ನೋಟರಿ & ವಕೀಲರು, **ಎಸ್. ನಾಗರಾಜ,** ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರ ಮುಂದೆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣೀಕರಿಸಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHABANA BEGUM**, R/at. No.110/12, Venkateshpuram, Arabic College Post, Bangalore-560045. have changed my name from **SHABANA** to **SHABANA BEGUM,** vide affidavit dated 22.09.2020 sworn to before notary M.Rajendra, Bangalore-560073.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shankara Narayana G.Aithal, S/o. Late.J.Gopal Krishna, aged about 28 years, R/at 8/136, Kshipraprasada Skanda Krupa, beside Gurudatta Layout, Hanumagiri Hills, Hosakerehalli, Banashankari III Stage, Bengaluru-85. I have changed my name from **'Shankara.G'** to **'Shankara Narayana G.Aithal'.** Vide affidavit dated 22.09.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, V.Mruthyunjaya, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **UMESH S DEVADIGA** residing at No.NA 489, BEL North Colony, Near Nagaland Circle, Jalahalli Post, Bengaluru-560013, Have Changed My Name from **UMESHA** to **UMESH S DEVADIGA** vide Affidavit Dt: 05.02.2019 sworn before notary K.C. Shashikala, Bengaluru-40

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GENIPINENI MADHAVA RAO**, aged about 41 years, S/o Peraiah, residing at : 3, 4th Cross, 2nd Main Subramani Layout, Vijinapura, Bangalore-560016, have changed my name from **MADHAVA RAO. G** to **GENIPINENI MADHAVA RAO**, hereafter will be called as **GENIPINENI MADHAVA RAO,** and all so I declare that my minor son's name from **NITHIN. G,** to **GENIPINENI NITHIN**, vide affidavit dated 23.09.2020, before Advocate & Notary **C. SASIKALA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRASANNA. M,** R/at No.59, 7th A Cross, Rose Garden, Neelasandra, Bazaar Street, Bangalore-560047, have changed my name to **JOSEPH FRANCIS PRASANNA MUNIYAPPA,** vide affidavit dated:23/09/2020 before Notary **N.K.Lakshmana** Bangalore

LOST

LOST

It is notified for the information that we have Lost My Son's Athish Raj Mohan Class X ICSE Statement of Marks, Pass Certificate being Unique ID No. 6610866 Index No. 1184176/019015191, Year 2018 obtained through Little Flower Public School, Bangalore-85, If found pls contact:7019382065.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **ILAVARASU .P,** aged about 46 years, S/o Paramasivam. P, residing at : A1101, Saket Callipolis Apartment, Sarjapura Main Road, Near Wipro, Doddakannelli, Carmelram, Bengaluru-560035, Karnataka, India, have changed our son's name from **MIGUL I SHYAMALEN** to **MIGUL ILAVARASU SHYAMALEN,** in future we will use our Son new name as **MIGUL ILAVARASU SHYAMALEN**, vide affidavit dated 22.09.2020, before Advocate & Notary **P. NANJUNDA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **YASMIN RAHEEMA .I,** W/o Mohammed Shuaib, residing at #70, 1st Main, BHEL Layout, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041, have changed my name to **YASMIN RAHEEMA**, vide affidavit dated 23.09.2020, before Notary **G. KASPAR,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BIBI AYISHA,** R/at Door No.1037, Ground Floor, 23rd Cross, 25th main,2nd Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560102, have changed my name to **SANA SHAIKH**, vide affidavit dated:23/09/2020 before Notary **N.K.lakshmana** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SMT. LATHA KUMARI,** W/o M.K. Vijay Kumar, aged about 52 years, residing at No. 911, 1st Main, 5th Block, HMT Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097, have changed my name from **LATHA KUMARI** to **LALITHA KUMARI**, hereafter shall be called my name as **LALITHA KUMARI,** vide affidavit dated 23.09.2020, before Advocate & Notary, **PUTTARAMAIAH,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HONEY PARIKH,** R/a, Flat No.H-1, Esteem Splendor, 7th Floor, Chikku Lakshmaiah Layout, Adugodi, Bengaluru -560029, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **HONEY SHAH** (Old Name) to **HONEY PARIKH** (New Name), vide Affidavit dated:23-09-2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary, B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARJUNA NAYAK** S/o **Narasimha Nayak,** R/at Karadigud, Manvi Taluk, Raichur-584123(Camp at Bengaluru) have changed my name to **ARJUN NAYAK,** vide affidavit dated:23/09/2020 Before Notary **H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya** Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT

I, **JOSEPH MENDIS,** aged about 45 years, S/o Luis Mendis, residing at No.223, Old Police Station Road, Near Veerabhadra Temple, Kothanur Post, Bangalore-560077, I have changed our minor son's name from **CHRISTEN** to **CHRISTEN MENDIS,** hereafter he will be called as **CHRISTEN MENDIS,** vide affidavit dated 23.09.2020, before Advocate & Notary **D. GUNA SHEKAR,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RONI RENALTO.R.,** (DOB: 12.11.1965) Residing at No.73, Balappa Garden, 'B' Street, Shivajinagar, HKP Road, Bangalore - 560 061, have changed my name from **RONNIE RONOLTO GEORGE** to **RONI RENALTO.** S/o, Rakshagadoss, vide affidavit dated:19-09-2020, sworn before Notary K.N.Chandrashekhara Reddy, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMED UZAIR,** S/o **Abdul Wajid**, R/at No.21/2, 1st cross, Masjid Street, Neelasandra Post, Bengaluru-560047, have changed my name to **MOHAMMED UZAIR,** vide affidavit dated: 23/09/2020 Before Notary **N.Nagappa,** Bengaluru

AFFIDAVIT

I, **S. PRIYA,** aged 42 years, **(D.O.B. 11.07.1978)** D/o P. Srinivasan and W/o Shri. S. Narayan, Presently residing at No.27, Srivaru, Indiragandhi 5th Main Road, Near Maithri School, Udayanagar, Bangalore-560016, I declare that I have permanently relinquished my name **S. PRIYA** forever and acquired the new name as **S. PRIYANARAYAN** and hence forth I will be known as **S. PRIYANARAYAN**, vide affidavit dated 21.09.2020, before Advocate & Notary **SRINATHA. D.R.,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RONI RENALTO.R.,** (DOB: 12.11.1965) Residing at No.73, Balappa Garden, 'B' Street, Shivajinagar, HKP Road, Bangalore - 560 061, have changed my name from **RONNIE RONOLTO GEORGE** to **RONI RENALTO.** S/o, Rakshagadoss, vide affidavit dated:19-09-2020, sworn before Notary K.N.Chandrashekhara Reddy, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MITA ESWARA, Residing at No. 5, Sy No. 100/8, Near BGS School, Nagarur, Dasanapura, Bengaluru-562123, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MITA ESWARA** to **(NEW NAME) MITA ESWAR** vide affidavit Dated 23/09/2020 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KANTHA KUMARI S,** R/at Rasthepalya, Gorur Gate,Soluru Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara Dist, have changed my name to **SHANTHA KUMRI S,** vide affidavit dated:31/08/2020 Before Notary **Hareesh.R** Ramanagara

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Tiruchirappalli City Corporation

TENDER NOTICE No : 126/2020-2021

The tenderers willing to submit tenders for Improving the existing source in River Cauvery to sustain water supply schemes in Tiruchirappalli City Corporation at the cost of Rs. 4509.62 Lakhs to be executed under the Tiruchirappalli Smart City Mission are requested to submit tenders through E-Tendering procedure in **http://tntenders.gov.in** as well as through sealed hard copy on or before **3.00 p.m. of 28.10.2020,** which will be downloaded and opened at **04.00 p.m.** in the same day. If the date of receipt of tender happens to be holiday, then tenders will be received in the succeeding working day at the same time and venue.

Tender Conditions are available in the above said website.

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IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL AT BENGALURU

P & SC No. 3/2020

BETWEEN: Mr. Mrinal Singh, S/o. Late Suchet Gopal Singh, Resident of House No. 315, 2nd Floor, Mahabeer Cornet Stage-1, Kengeri Satellite Town, Kengeri, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 060.

...Petitioner

AND

1) M/s. General Public ...Respondent No.1

2) Shri Anoop Gopal Singh, S/o. Late Gopal Singh, Aged about 67 years, Resident of House No. 315, 2nd Floor, Mahabeer Cornet Stage-1, Kengeri Satellite Town, Kengeri, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 060. ...Respondent No.2

(SS / notice for service by advertisement in a daily newspaper)

ISSUE SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT

1. General Public

Whereas the petitioner has instituted a P & SC petition in **P & SC No. 3/2020** against General Public & another you this court. You are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader **on the 29th day of October 2020 at 11.00 a.m.** to answer the same in default of your appearance on the given, the petition will be heard and determined in your absence / ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal this 21st day of September 2020 at Bengaluru.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge's Court, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

Advocate for the Petitioner
Ayantika Mondal, Advocate
Prime Legal, 39/2, 2nd Floor, ASVNV Sangha Building, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 09.
Mob No. 998 638 6002

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD

O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), PCC-II, Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana State-500004

e- TENDER NOTICE

e -Tender Notice No. & Date	Name of Work	Approximate Estimate Contract Value
EP.No.06/CGM(E)/ PCC-II/ STPs-Kukatpally Nala Catchment/ 2020-21, dt: 23.09.2020	Construction of 17 STPs of 376.5 MLD capacity (decentralized) along River Musi and on Kukatpally Nala Catchment (Hussainsagar Lake Catchment) under Sewerage Improvement Project of Sewerage Master Plan of Hyderabad Urban Agglomeration Area under Hybrid Annuity Mode of Contract.	Rs.1081.75 Crores

(1) The bid documents download starts online from dt: **30.09.2020. (2)** Name and address of Chief General Manager (Engg), concerned- Chief General Manager (Engg), Project Construction Circle-II, HMWSSB, Khairatabad, Hyderabad - 500004. **(3)** The contractors/firms are requested to upload the information in the 'ZIP' format preferably. **(4)** Further details can be seen @ **http://www.tender.telangana.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), PCC-II, Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana State-500004.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: A7M1A/Tender/CECK-CAR/2020/1548 Date: 22.09.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement portal only)

e-Tenders in two covers are invited from eligible bidders for **(1) Hiring of One No. of Maruthi-Swift Dzire/Fiat-Punto EVO/ Tata-Manza/Tata Zest/ Hyundai-Xcent/Honda-Amaze/ Chevrolet–Sail/Toyota–Etios with Driver, Fuel And Lubricants (POL) on 2000 kms per month, 12 hours duty per day hire basis for office duties of Chief Engineer (C) Kali, KPCL, Ganeshgudi (Extendable by one more year on satisfactory service) for running of 2000 KMs/ month and 12 hours/ day.**

E-procurement Tender Number : KPCL/TENDERS/CECK/ 2020. **EMD:** Rs.22,900/. Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka, e-procurement website **URL:https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under login of bidders. Tenders shall be submitted in e-procurement portal only. EMD and tender processing fee should be paid online. through e-procurement portal.Last date and time for online submission of tenders is **up to 12.10.2020 at 17.00 Hrs.** Date and time for opening of Technical bid is **on 14.10.2020 at 11.00 Hrs.** Date and time of opening of financial bid will be intimated later separately. Further information if required can be obtained from office of the Executive Engineer (MSP)A, KPCL, Ambikanagar. Ph.No.: 08284-258681, **email: eemspa@gmail.com**

CORRIGENDUM

Advertisement appeared in this newspaper on 08.09.2020, Please read the C Mis No. as 4216/2020 instead of 4193/2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **J.Renukamma, W/o. M. Jagadish**, aged about 50 years, R/at. No.18, Subbaiah Reddy Block, Opp. Subramanya Swamy Temple, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560008. do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows: I am residing in the above address. I am the absolute owner of the property bearing Khaneshumari **No. 1158/55/12**, situated at 4th Division, 22nd Ward of Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural District, measuring **East to West 30'** and **North to South 40'** vacant site **bounded** as follows: **East by:** Site No. 13, **West by :** Site No.11, **North by:** Beera ppa's Land & **South by :** Road. In respect of the above property, I lost the Original absolute sale deed dated 28.04.2006, registered as document **No. DNH-1-00819-2006-2007 in C.D.No.DNHD87 of Book-1,** in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural District. The same document if found **please Contact 9036111824**. I lodged a police complaint on 19.09.2020 before the Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru-560002.

ASHOK NAGARA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

No.1380/B, 6th Cross, Ashok Nagar, BSK I Stage, Bangalore-560050.

PUBLIC NOTICE

That Smt. Shobha K, W/o Sri Raghunatha H.K., No.150, Hinnakki, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District has approached the Bank for grant of loan on hypothecation of Property acquired by her by virtue of Gift Deed Dtd 27-05-2017 gifted by her husband bearing Khata No.125, Property No.83, Hinnakki Village, Hennagara Panchayat, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk. The same was earlier hypothecated to REPCO Home Finance Limited, Chennai. To clear the said loan and for improvement of 'Om Sai Ram Fuels' Petrol Bunk run by her husband at Sy no.77, Iggalur village, Anekal Taluk, she sought for loan on the hypothecation of the said property. Bank by considering the documents intends to advance loan on hypothecation of above mentioned property. If anybody has any Right, Title or Interest in the property, the same may be intimated to the Bank within 15 days from the publication of this notification. If no claim is made by anyone within the said period, the Bank will proceed with advancing Loan by hypothecation of the said property.

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
65.66	Sensex	37,668.42	₹63	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,000	₹1,600	Per kg	₹59,000	Dollar		73.56
21.8	Nifty	11,131.85	₹63	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,900	₹1.6	Per gm	₹59	Euro		85.96

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While Bharti Airtel ended the session down by 7.9 per cent, Vodafone Idea shares crashed nearly 10 per cent on BSE

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RELIANCE Jio's aggressively priced postpaid plans torpedoed the stock prices of both Bharti Airtel Ltd. and Vodafone Idea Ltd. on Wednesday—ending the session down by 7.9 per cent and 10 per cent respectively. Analysts say investor sentiments are being driven by the fact that both brands—Airtel and Vi (erstwhile Vodafone Idea)—will have to follow suit and slash their own tariffs. Jio's new plans are around 6-20 per cent cheaper than existing offerings and offer more data.

In other words, the postpaid segment may be on the verge of a tariff war. The script is a familiar one. When Reliance launched Jio in 2016, it based its strategy on using its cavernous pockets to massively undercut rivals, who had no choice but to cut prices. The bruising tariff war only ended in December 2019, when the only three survivors of the carnage—Jio, Airtel and Vi made their first price hike in three years. Airtel and Vi, in particular, still face substantial financial strain from capex requirements and the SC-mandated annual AGR dues installments.On the other hand, Jio has no pending AGR liability and, according to TRAI, has ended up in control of the 52 per cent of the mobile market.

So far, Jio has largely limited itself to prepaid, offering only a single ₹199 per month postpaid plan. But the new plans announced Tuesday threatens its rivals hold on the smaller but more lucrative market. "Apart from potential subscriber churn from VIL and Bharti, existing Jio prepaid subscribers hungry for content might also look to upgrade to the base postpaid plan," said Motilal Oswal analysts.

Brokerage house Jefferies noted that Vi is likely to be impacted more: "This is well timed to target potential churn among 23 million postpaid subscribers of Vodafone Idea".

Reliance Retail strikes second deal, sells 1.28% stake to US-based KKR

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

US-based private equity giant KKR places its bets on yet another business of billionaire Mukesh Ambani-controlled empire after investing heavily in its digital and telecom assets. Following peer Silver Lake's deal, KKR on Wednesday said it will invest ₹5,550 crore into Reliance Retail Ventures Limited in exchange for a 1.28 per cent equity stake.

With this, the retail business has received an aggregate ₹13,050 crore for an equity exchange of 3.03 per cent so far.

This also marks the second investment by KKR in a subsidiary of RIL, following ₹11,367 crore investment in Jio Platforms announced earlier this year. The investment values Reliance Retail at a pre-money equity value of ₹4.21 lakh crore, the company said in a release.

Analysts say the fresh investment will further bolster Reliance Retail's plan to grab a larger pie of the retail space, taking on rivals such as Amazon and Flipkart in India's huge market and will allow RIL to further monetize its retail business, if it decides to do so.

Bilateral Netting of Qualified Financial Contracts Bill passed

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THE Parliament on Wednesday passed Bilateral Netting of Qualified Financial Contracts Bill, which aims at providing a firm legal framework for bilateral netting of qualified financial contracts. The move would also enable banks to increase credit limits for counter parties and enable release of large amounts of locked up capital in the banking system for onward lending.

"The Bill is critical for stability of the financial market... This bill will actually bring in a firm legal basis for bilateral netting between two counterparties...Multilateral netting has been taken care of," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said while presenting the bill in Rajya Sabha.

Bilateral netting refers to offsetting the claims arising from dealings between two parties to determine the net amount payable or receivable from one party to the other.

Explaining it further, the finance minister said that Bilateral Netting of Qualified Financial Contracts Bill covers financial contracts entered into, on a bilateral basis, outside the clearing system. The Bill will empower financial regulators such as RBI, SEBI, IRDAI to notify contracts under its purview as qualified financial contractors. The value of bilateral derivative contracts is estimated by the Clearing Corporation of India to be ₹56,33,257 crore as of March 2018, said Sitharaman.

The minister also said that the bill has been brought in to address the lessons learnt from the 2008 global financial crisis and added that if the legislation was available in 2017, banks would have had ₹42,192 crore for onward lending, but they had to keep it locked up.

"Money locked up in banks is not available while economy is starved for funds. This will enhance liquidity and economy will get lubrication," the minister added.

Money bills returned

The Rajya Sabha also returned the Appropriation Bill, without any discussion. This Bill allows the government to withdraw funds from Consolidated Fund of India to meet its expenses during the year

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

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— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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Despite IL&FS collapse, no evidence of systemic risks yet

SUNITHA NATTI

PERSISTENT bad loans and NBFC crisis may have aggravated India's economic downturn since late 2018, but a new RBI paper found little or no systemic impact, at least until May, 2019.

History tells us that failure of a dominant institution can cause systemic damage, but IL&FS' collapse and its impact clearly is yet to be scientifically documented and proven.

Titled Measuring Financial Stress in India, the authors while identifying past financial stress using 11 market indicators like money, debt, equity, forex and banking sector data, found that systemic stress was decidedly visible only during Q3, FY09.

Episodes of stress together with six consecutive months of real economic stress are deemed systemic. Though there were months when financial stress was above acceptable thresholds, the composite index saw only three episodes that accompanied a prolonged decline in real economic activity. First was between June, 2008 and May, 2009 followed by September, 2011-January, 2012 and from July-September 2013, with systemic stress visible only during Q3, FY09.

Individual Financial Sector Index (FSI) for money, equity, debt, forex markets and others showed the highest level of stress first in October, 2008 during the global financial crisis, followed by August-September, 2013 during the US taper tantrum. Interestingly, even the banking sector's FSI peak stress was seen during the same period and much less after the NPA clean-up exercise starting 2016.

Monitoring financial stress using an index gained momentum after the 2008 global financial crisis. The US constructed 3 different FSIs for 3 regional Federal Reserve Banks during 2009-2011 based on 11 variables available at monthly frequency. Finland measured its financial system instability with 14 indicators, while Turkey combined data from exchanges, bond market, banking sector, and external sector. The Euro area has a composite indicator of systemic stress based on six variables and the index is used as an early warning indicator to assess the impact of the financial stress on the real economy.

Globally, central banks measure financial stress using FSI to gauge systemic risks and the probability of occurrence of stress events. But in India, this approach is scant and limited, the authors noted though compared to balance sheet and macroeconomic variables, financial market-based indicators are available on a real-time basis at higher frequency, making them more useful for constructing FSIs.

For instance, the Mumbai interbank offered rate (Mibor), the benchmark interest rate at which banks borrow funds from the interbank market and announced daily is likely to exhibit the first signs of financial stress. Similarly, TED spread calculated as the difference between the 3-month Mibor and the 3-month Treasury Bill, or the spread between risky and safe assets, reflects the flight to quality implying a decline in investors' willingness to hold risky assets.

APPOINTMENT

Kotak's term as IL&FS chairman extended by 1 yr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AS the IL&FS issues are still pending to be resolved, the Centre on Wednesday has extended the tenure of Uday Kotak as Chairman of IL&FS for one more year, till October 2, 2021. In the year 2018, the Centre had dissolved the fraud-hit IL&FS crisis and had restructured board of the company with Uday Kotak as the chairman of the company.

Kotak was mandated to complete the resolution of the IL&FS and its group companies, which have a debt of over ₹90,000 crore, through a fair and transparent process.

Till June 30, however, IL&FS addressed debt of ₹17,640 crore from a combination of completed asset sales, debt repayment to green entities, debt discharged in non-green entities and available cash balance across the group.

"This extension is a step towards fulfilling the National and Public duty, entrusted on the new IL&FS Board, to resolve one of India's largest financial sector challenges - comprising of over 300 companies in the Group," an IL&FS spokesperson said.

Sebi bars DHFL promoters from securities market

Investors' interest

The market regulator said it is imposing the ban to minimise the damage to the interests of the investors and to protect market integrity.

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has barred twelve promoters of Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL) from accessing the securities market, citing violation of norms.

Kapil Wadhawan, Dheeraj Wadhawan, Rakesh Kumar Wadhawan, Sarang Wadhawan, Aruna Wadhawan, Malti Wadhawan, Anu S Wadhawan, Pooja D Wadhawan and a few other Group companies cannot deal in any kind of transaction in any type of securities until further order.

It has restrained them from associating themselves with any listed public company and any public company as directors or promoters which intends to raise money from the public or any intermediary registered with SEBI.

Manali Petrochemicals to triple its propylene glycol output in 2 phases

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

IN a bid to reduce dependence on imports from countries like China and Middle East, Manali Petrochemicals Limited (MPL), has decided to invest ₹150 crore in ramping up its annual production capacity of propylene glycol (PG) from 22,000 tonnes per annum to 70,000 tonnes per annum in India.

The only manufacturer of PG in India, the company aims to expand its capacity by 48,000 tonnes in two phases. After getting necessary environment clearance and other approvals, the expansion will take place at the area adjacent to its existing plant in Chennai.

In first phase, the expansion of 24,000 tonnes is expected to be completed in 18-21 months time and will be funded through internal funds, said the company's top officials.

The company said there is a huge demand of propylene glycol in India and a significant quantum of it is currently fulfilled by imports. The annual demand of PG in the country is estimated at about 100,000 tonnes, of which about 75,000 tonnes are imported from other countries. "We see a sustainable strong demand for PG in food and pharmaceutical sectors. The demand for PG in India is about 100,000 tonnes per annum which is estimated to grow by five per cent annually. The expansion will help MPL to cater to the rising demand of PG," said Ashwin Muthiah, chairman of the company.

According to M Ravi, Group chief executive officer, Petrochemicals and managing director, MPL the decision to expand has been taken to make the business more sustainable as well as balanced. "We want our products to not only solve an inherent demand gap but be a good import substitute for the country, saving precious foreign exchange," he added.

LIQUIDITY

CBDT issues refunds of ₹1.11 lakh cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has issued refunds of over ₹1 lakh crore in more than 32.07 lakh cases so far, including ₹79,517 crore of corporate tax refunds.

The refunds have been issued since April 1, 2020 when the government took the decision of issuing pending income tax refunds at the earliest to help taxpayers with liquidity amid these difficult times caused due to the Covid-19.

"CBDT has issued refunds of over ₹1,11,372 crore to more than 32.07 lakh taxpayers between April 1, 2020 and September 22, 2020. Income tax refunds of ₹31,856 crore have been issued in 30,29,681 cases and corporate tax refunds of ₹79,517 crore have been issued in 1,76,966 cases," the CBDT said in a tweet on Wednesday.

In the wake of the global pandemic, the tax department had also extended the due date for filing Income Tax Returns for FY 2018-19 (AY 2019-20) from July 31 to September 30, 2020.

TELECOM

AGR matter may end up in court yet again

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

UNCERTAINTY has cropped up yet again in a matter that has already spent 15 years in the courts and was ostensibly settled "for the final time" by the Supreme Court just last month. Industry and government sources confirmed that the affected telecom companies and the Department of Telecom (DoT) have arrived at starkly divergent interpretations of the SC's order.

If not resolved, it is likely to result in one of the parties approaching the SC again for clarification. The bench's final verdict had ruled that "... respective Telecom Operators shall make the payment of 10 per cent of the total dues as demanded by DoT by 31.3.2021". The rest would have to be paid in annual instalments up to March 31, 2030. The divergence in opinion arises from the fact that companies have already made partial payments toward the total demand raised by the DoT. Airtel has paid more than 40 per cent of its total ₹43,980 crore dues and Vodafone Idea has paid around 13 per cent of the ₹58,254 crore it owes.

The Tata group has also paid a quarter of its total ₹16,798 crore dues. While the companies have made no official statement on the matter, sources confirm that telcos have written to the DoT that since they have deposited more than the "10 per cent of total dues", their next payments will only become due in March 2022.

Sources however, note that the DoT believes that the SC's order requires companies to pay 10 per cent of the total by March 2021 without factoring in the payments already made. "If the two positions are not resolved, it is very likely that someone will head to the court again," said a legal counsel in the know.

EXPRESS READ

FDI equity inflows into India down 60% in Q1

New Delhi: Foreign direct investment (FDI) equity inflows into India contracted by 60 per cent to $6.56 billion (₹49,820 crore) during April-June 2020, according to data by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). The overseas inflows during April-June 2019 stood at $16.33 billion. Singapore emerged as the largest source of FDI in India during Q1 FY21.

Citibank's consumer banking head resigns

New Delhi: Citibanks's head of consumer banking in the country, Shinjini Kumar, has stepped down after three years at the helm, the American lender said on Wednesday Kumar, 53, had joined the bank in 2017 from Paytm Payments Bank, where she was the chief executive. "We confirm Kumar will be retiring from Citi at the end of September 2020," a Citi spokesperson said.

Toyota Urban Cruiser SUV launched in India, starts at ₹8.4 L

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TOYOTA Kirloskar Motor (TKM) on Wednesday launched sub compact SUV Toyota Urban Cruiser (Rebadged Maruti Suzuki Vitara Brezza) to fortify its offerings in a segment which has numerous launches by carmakers in recent times.

The Urban Cruiser is the second model to be launched in India under the global Toyota-Suzuki alliance following the premium hatchback, the Toyota Glanza. The new car is priced between ₹8.4 lakh and ₹11.3 lakh. It features the new K-Series 1.5 litre four-cylinder Petrol Engine and will be available in a choice of Manual Transmission and Automatic Transmission with a tested fuel efficiency of 17.03 kmpl and 18.76 kmpl respectively.

ROAD TO RECOVERY

Eatery chains set to score big with IPL, festival season

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

THE online food delivery sector in India is headed for full recovery led by a surge in demand during the IPL as well as the upcoming festival season, showed a survey by leading foodtech platform Zomato.

According to the survey, that was released Tuesday, the industry has already seen its sales touch 85 per cent of the pre-Covid gross merchandise value (GMV) level — up from around 75 per cent in August.

While Delhi and Mumbai are nearing full recovery, with 95 per cent of pre-Covid-19 sales, other metros such as Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Chennai are still behind the curve (with 80 per cent recovery). Some cities such as Kolkata, Patna, Jamshedpur, Ranchi, and Siliguri have seen sales even exceed the pre-pandemic levels, the report stated, adding that the affluent parts within most cities are driving this recovery.

As the myths around the safety and hygiene of food delivery were busted, it was observed that the cities under the lockdown preferred ordering food online more than the others. Customers, who had not ordered since the first day of lockdown, are 20 per cent more likely to order for the first time during such festivals and occasions, the survey said.

"With the ongoing IPL season and the subsequent festival season, we expect food delivery in both metros and smaller cities to make a full recovery soon – and resume growing over pre-Covid levels," Deepinder Goyal, Founder and CEO, Zomato said in the company blog post.

Furthermore, the overall spend on the premium restaurants has grown by over 25 per cent of pre-COVID levels. The average ticket size per order, number of items has also increased by 20 per cent with a trend of group ordering now in place. Recovery on single person meals, which constituted nearly 60 per cent of all orders pre-COVID, now lingers at 50-70 per cent level for most regions.

Steady sales

Sales of food delivery platforms recovered by an additional 10 per cent over last month to touch 85 per cent of the pre-Covid-19 levels in September, the report said.

Rayudu unlikely for Delhi match

Ambati Rayudu, who missed Chennai Super Kings' match against Rajasthan Royals on Tuesday, is likely to miss the next one against Delhi Capitals. Rayudu, who played big role in CSK's win over Mumbai Indians, has a niggle and is unlikely to be considered for selection for Friday's match

SANJU'S SIX-PACK MAKEOVER

Vegan diet, 20k throwdowns during lockdown behind explosive start

MARTIN JOSEPH @Kochi

THE world witnessed Sanju Samson smashing against experienced bowlers like Ravindra Jadeja and Piyush Chawla for Rajasthan Royals against Chennai Super Kings in the IPL in Sharjah on Tuesday. He hit a 32-ball 74 including nine sixes.

It was what he was preparing for back home in Thiruvananthapuram during the lockdown. The 25-year-old spent long hours at his mentor Raiphi Gomez's residence, practising at a makeshift net facility built on the terrace.

The Kerala lad also had an impressive outing with the gloves with two lightning-quick stumpings and two catches — one of which was plucked out of thin air — to be the Man of the Match. After the dust settled, he took to social media to thank Raiphi, who has been working closely with him for the past six months. "I would like to thank you all for your lovely messages and wishes and thanking everyone who supported me during the lockdown period to train and practice and specially Raiphi Gomez for throwing more than 20,000 balls at me during the lockdown period !!....." he wrote on Facebook.

Raiphi, who has known Sanju since he was 12 and has also shared the dressing room in the domestic circuit, shed some light on his training. "We initially trained on my terrace where I gave him throwdowns. We focussed on having him face different kinds of deliveries. Bouncers, yorkers and as many variations as possible. His head position, balance, everything was looked at so that it became kind of muscle memory. We trained every day for 6-7 hours. We wanted it to get to a point where if he was dragged out of bed in the middle of the night, he should still put away the loose balls for sixes," said the former Kerala Ranji captain.

Raiphi said that besides polishing his cricketing skills, Sanju paid special attention to his diet and fitness. Raiphi started him on a vegan diet for two months before introducing eggs, chicken. They also hired fitness coach Amal Manohar who helped Sanju become stronger and more agile.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

BATTLE OF EQUALS

Kings XI Punjab suffered a heartbreaking loss while Royal Challengers Bangalore started on a winning note in their respective openers. They will face each other in Dubai on Thursday. Here are a few talking points...

GAYLE COMEBACK?

Chris Gayle, who turned 41 three days ago, was left out of the first game to provide balance to the XI. He can make a comeback against his former team, with Nicholas Pooran and Glenn Maxwell faring poorly versus Delhi.

YOUNGSTERS IN SPOTLIGHT

Punjab's Ravi Bishnoi and Bangalore's Devdutt Padikkal shone for their teams the other day. Having impressed against Delhi, the leg-spinner will like to keep the momentum going. Padikkal, who was centre of attraction after his sublime half-century, will also be raring to go again.

PITCH & CONDITIONS

The two matches saw teams scoring more than 150. The surface also assisted fast bowlers and spinners. While the pacers have enjoyed some swing with the new ball, the spinners came into play in the middle overs. Temperature will be around 37 degrees with teams ideally wanting to chase with dew having a huge impact later on.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

KXIP 12

RCB 12

KUMBLE-KOHLI FACEOFF

Anil Kumble quit as India's coach three years ago saying his partnership with Virat Kohli was untenable. This will be their first onfield meeting since 2017.

4 RCB have been unbeaten against KXIP in previous two seasons, winning all the four ties.

19 With 19 wickets, Yuzvendra Chahal is the most successful bowler whenever the teams faced each other.

2 KL Rahul is 2 runs away from 2k runs in IPL.

Rohit wave in desert

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai skipper Rohit Sharma en route 80 against Kolkata | SPORTZPICS

ROHIT Sharma looked exhausted in the end. Instead of depositing a full-toss onto the stands, he could only hit to long-on fielder. That said a thing or two about the physical state of the players, who still appear rusty thanks to the five months spent indoors during pandemic. But even more glaring was the time both teams took to finish the match. Mumbai Indians innings alone lasted more than two hours — 125 minutes to be precise. And by the time Rahul Chahar sent down the last ball of the match, it was four hours and nine minutes since the first ball was bowled. It is something the match officials should keep an eye on considering there are no heat breaks allowed in the playing conditions.

Rohit has always enjoyed batting against Kolkata Knight Riders. And that trend continued in Abu Dhabi as he smacked a 54-ball 80 as the four-time champions reached 195/5. In the process, the 33-year-old created the record for most runs against an IPL team with 904 runs. That was not the only record the opener broke as the sixes he struck in his knock ensured that he became only the fourth to hit 200 sixes in the IPL. In reply, Kolkata were no match for the four-time champions as they lost the match by a huge margin of 49 runs. This is MI's first win in UAE in seven attempts.

Earlier, it was not the best of starts from the defending champions as they lost Quinton de Kock for a solitary run in the second over off Shivam Mavi. Former Kolkata recruit Suryakumar Yadav walked in and instantly put the pressure right back on Dinesh Karthik's men. He gave his skipper the platform to play without fear as they kept punishing the loose deliveries.

Brief scores: MI 195/5 (Rohit 80, Suryakumar 47) bt KKR 146/9 (Cummins 33, Pattinson 2/25).

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Prajnesh bows out of French Open qualifiers

PARIS: India's Prajnesh Gunneswaran crashed out in the second round of the men's singles qualifiers of the French Open after losing in straight sets to Aleksandar Vukic of Australia on Wednesday. Prajnesh, India's second-highest ranked singles player, lost 4-6, 6-7(4) against Vukic to bow out of the event.

Women's FIFA U-17 WC to be postponed again?

NEW DELHI: The women's FIFA U-17 World Cup, which has been rescheduled to February-March, is likely to be deferred yet again in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. Originally scheduled to be held in five venues of India from November 2 to 21, the women's age group showpiece was pushed to Feb 17-March 7 next year.

Game time in England not a big advantage: Finch

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

THE IPL, which started on September 19 in the UAE, also marked the return of Indian players in competitive action. If the national team players were last involved in the tour of New Zealand from January to March, Ranji Trophy final (domestic) was played mid March. Staying away from the game — due to the Covid-19 situation — must have been challenging at both the mental and physical level for cricketers, who are attuned to competitive matches.

In that aspect, one can deem players from England a tad lucky. The Englishmen hosted West Indies, Pakistan and Australia in a bio-secure environment. And 21 of these players have come into the IPL with some valuable match practice under their belt. Even the Caribbean Premier League, which had a number of IPL players, finished before the cash-rich league started.

On the contrary, the Indian players have only had net sessions. At best, they have had three weeks of training. Teams also understood the need for creating match-like situations and played some practice games too. Royal Challengers Bangalore opener Aaron Finch, who was part of the T20I and ODI series against England, to a certain extent agrees about the advantage, but believes adjustment holds the key. "Coming from competitive cricket has a little bit of an advantage, sometimes, like (playing in) the England-Australia series, CPL. But once you get into the environment, it is about adapting to the conditions. Regardless of what has happened, you have to adjust it out in the middle," said Finch.

One understands what Finch means by conditions. Australia and England players flew directly from Manchester to UAE after the limited overs series, where the ball came onto the bat nicely. There was something for the pacers too, but things will be a bit different in the IPL. "The dew is going to play an important part. As the tournament goes on and there are a lot of games played on the same wickets, over and over, the wicket will become slower and dew will be even more of a factor. But, you cannot use that as an excuse, you have to play your best," he noted.

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Sl. No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
1	SE/P&A/TTPS	3471-M	1
	TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD.		
2	SE/Transmission-IV	T-2168	1
3	SE/Transmission-II	T-2166, T-2169	2
4	CE/Transmission	T-35	1

For details of works/Procurement/Due date of submission/opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tantransco.gov.in , www.tenders.tn.gov.in , https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app

DIPR/3558/Tender/2020

Government of Karnataka
(Department of Ports & Inland Water Transport)
Port Office, Karwar-581301 (U.K.)
Ph: 08382-221342 Fax: 08382-221528 Email:kwrport2016@gmail.com
No. PAS/CR-129/2017-18 Date: 21.09.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Only in E-Procurement) (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

Tender is invited in e-Procurement to execute below mentioned work. To participate in e-Procurement, and for more information may be obtained in **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** website. For further Extension refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued.
"GST shall be paid to the Tendered Amount separately".

Name of Work: Procurement, fabrication, erection, construction, testing and commissioning of Fire fighting Equipments on line with OISD 156 requirements/PESO standards for handling class B petroleum products at Karwar Port for the vessels of 50,000 DWT and above. **(KPWD/2020-21/PM/WORK_INDENT124008). Amount put to tender: 1619.93 Lakhs. Last date for receipt of quarries: 23.10.2020 at 16.00 hours. Last date for submission of Tender: 27.10.2020 at 16.00 hours.**

DIPR/ADK/MCA/353/20-21 Dt. 22.9.20 Sd/- Port Officer, Port Office, Karwar

Government of Karnataka
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, BALLARI

NO/ZPB/PD/SBM/SLWM/TENDER/ VOL-4/Call-2/2020-21 Date : 22-09-2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The procurement of household dustbins and Garbage vehicle under Swachh Bharat Mission - SLWM scheme, the NOTICE INVITING TENDER has been published in the e-procurement portal details as mentioned below

Sl. No	e-Procurement Indent Number	Procurement particulars	Last date	Amount put to tender
1	RDPR/2020-21/IND1927/Call-2	Supply of Virgin Plastic Dust Bins to Zp Ballari District	30.09.2020	Rs.34.62 Lakhs
2	RDPR/2020-21/IND1928/Call-2	Supply of Garbage vehicle to Zp Ballari District	30.09.2020	Rs.1.00 Cror

e-procurement website address : https//eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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Sd/- Project Director
Zilla Panchayath, Ballari

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:SEE/Tr.(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)AEE-2/F-224/20-21/6335-37 Date :22.09.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry no: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/EPR-03/Call-3 Dt: 19.06.2020** for Dismantling/ Re-erection of existing **High Mast Tower** (LM1) and erection of new additional High Mast Tower (LM8) at **220kV 'A' Station, NRS Division, Rajajinagar** for BMAZ North Circle, Bangalore on total turnkey basis.

The Detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging **on or after 28.09.2020** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'e procurement-KPTCL' or to **https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission (Maintenance), BMAZ North Circle, Office Complex, KPTCL, Ground Floor, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560 009, Tele-Fax: 080-22386686/85

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project South, South Zone Office Complex, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bangalore - 560 011.

No.: BBMP/EEP(S)/E-Procu/29/2020-21 Date : 23-09-2020

INVITATION FOR TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT) - 2ND CALL
(Single Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Project South, BBMP invites tenders on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible tenderers for the Construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD
1.	Renovation of existing Samudhaya Bhavan Building in **Ward No. 166, Karisandra. (As per KW-2).**	25.00	50,000/-

(1) Tenders must be submitted online through e-Procurement portal **On or before 4.00 pm on 03-10-2020** and the Opening of tenders will be as per the e-Procurement portal guidelines. (2) Technical Bid Opening Date : **05-10-2020 at 4.30 pm.** The Details regarding participation for this tender can be obtained by logging on to : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- The Executive Engineer, Project South

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR WORKS (e- tender Sl.No.1, 2, 5 & 6)

Sl.No.	Tender Ref. / Description of Works
1.	**NTPL/TUTCORIN:CEO/NTPL/CONT/CIVIL/PTE/2551/2020-21 dt.12-09-2020:** Providing re-carpeting over the existing road and formation of WBM road to volley ball court of NTPL Township. **EMD:** ₹1,06,000/-
2.	**CEO/NTPL/CONT/PTE/AHS/2630/2020-21 dt.11-09-2020:** Painting of structural & ash pipelines in AHS. **EMD:** ₹1,06,000/-
3.	**UNIT: ECOLOGY&HORTICULTURE:TA/E&H/TRA-10/20-21:** Public (open) re-auction for sale of ecalyptus trees (pulpwood) with roots near 33/11 KV Substation-II. **Location:** G-28 Office. **EMD:** ₹12,61,000/-
4.	**UNIT: MINE I: MI/NASH/SMD/PTE/B034/20-21:** High density tree plantation in Mine refilled area with wild trees in Mine-I (50 Ha). **EMD:** ₹ 2,31,000/-
5.	**UNIT: THERMAL POWER STATION II: GM/Contracts/Thermal/3610-TS2/LHS/PTE/2020-21:** Revamping of existing dry fog dust suppression system in LHS. **EMD:** ₹ 3,50,000/-
6.	**UNIT: THERMAL POWER STATION-II EXPANSION:GM/Contracts/Thermal/T.No.469/TS2E/BM/PTE/2020-21:** Outsourcing of refractory application works in CFBC boilers of TPS-II Expansion-2020-21. **EMD:** ₹13,57,000/-
7.	**UNIT: NEYVELI NEW THERMAL POWER PROJECT:NNTPP/CIVIL/NTA1&NTA2/PTE/T.No.208/2020 dt.23-09-2020:** Balance civil works in NTA1 and NTA2 packages in NNTPP. **EMD:** ₹3,21,000/-

Cost of Tender Document: Sl.No.1 to 7 : ₹ 2,000/- (each)
Approximate value of work: Sl.No.7: ₹1,45,95,369/-
Period of Contract: Sl.No.1 : 6 months from the date of handing over of site; Sl.No.2 : The duration work shall be 180 days from the date of handing over of work front; Sl.No.5: 210 days from the date of handing over of site; Sl.No.6: 12 months from the date of handing over of site; Sl.No.7: 6 months from the date of handing over of site.
Period of Collection: Sl.No.3: 120 Days
Pre-Bid Conference at 11.00 Hrs: Sl.No.5: On 26-09-2020 at Contracts/Thermal, TS-II Expn. Campus; Sl.No.6 & 7: On 01-10-2020.

Sl.No.	Last Date for Sale	Last Date for Receipt	Date & Time of Opening
1	05-10-2020 Upto 16.00 Hrs.	08-10-2020 Upto 14.30 Hrs.	08-10-2020 At 15.00 Hrs.
2	06-10-2020 Upto 16.00 Hrs.	08-10-2020 Upto 14.30 Hrs.	08-10-2020 At 15.00 Hrs.
3	06-10-2020 Upto 16.00 Hrs.	07-10-2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs.	07-10-2020 At 15.30 Hrs.
4	12-10-2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs.	13-10-2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs.	13-10-2020 At 15.30 Hrs.
5 & 6	12-10-2020 Upto 16.00 Hrs.	14-10-2020 Upto 14.30 Hrs.	14-10-2020 At 15.00 Hrs.
7	24-09-2020 To 17-10-2020	19-10-2020 Upto 14.30 Hrs.	19-10-2020 At 15.00 Hrs.

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NO/BAMUL/ME/CIVIL-2/E-TENDER/ARCH/17/PROJECT-01/25/T.M.C/2020-21 Date:-09.09.2020

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal from eligible Technical Consultants registered in concerned authority for carrying out civil/electro-mechanical works In the Bangalore Co-operative Milk Union Ltd. Service Details and schedule is given in the Table below. The Earnest money deposit (EMD) should be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the tender. Earnest money deposit will have to be paid in one of the forms as specified in the tender document through e- procurement portal only

Name of work	Tender for technical consultancy (architect) services for construction of 60 MTPD powder plant, boiler room and related infrastructure civil works @ NMPC Kanakapura	Tender for mechanical and electrical technical consultancy services for establishment for 60 MTPD milk powder plant @ NMPC Kanakapura
TENDER REFERENCE / IFT No.	NO/BAMUL/ME/CIVIL-2/ E-TENDER/ARCH/17/2020-21/ Date:- 09.09.2020	IFT No. BAMUL/ME/ PROJECT-01/25/T.M.C /2020-21 Dated: 09-09-2020
Access to e-tender portal	From 09.09.2020 to 08.10.2020 up to 5pm	
Last date and time queries/Clarification	30.09.2020 at 11.30 am	
Last date and time for receipt of tenders	08.10.2020 up to 5 pm	
Date & time of opening technical bid	09.10.2020 at 11.30 am	
Date & time of opening technical bid	Will be intimated to the qualified tenderers	
EMD (Earnest money deposit)	Rs. 1,00,000/-	Rs. 2,00,000.00
Place of opening of tenders/ Address for communication	BOARD ROOM, Bengaluru Co-Op. Milk Union Ltd., Dr. M.H.Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bangalore - 560029.	

More details on the tender are available in e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- **Managing Director**
Tender Inviting Authority

EXFILE

BEACHING BIG TIME

More pilot whales were found stranded in Australia on Wednesday, raising the estimated total to nearly 500, including 380 that have died, in the largest mass stranding ever recorded in the country. We take a look

RESCUE MISSION

The first of the whales were found on Monday, sparking a major effort to free them from a sandbar only accessible by boat

A rescue crew of 60 conservationists, skilled volunteers and local fish farm workers has concentrated efforts on a group of whales partially submerged in the water

The rescuers spent two days wading in the cold shallows to free the still living creatures, using boats fitted with special slings to guide them back to the open ocean

Tasmania's Parks and Wildlife Service workers have managed to save about 50 whales

Around 30 are alive and rescue effort to free the giant mammals is continuing

LOCATION

Coastal town of Strahan on the southern island state of Tasmania

BIG MISSION

The whales have been found stranded up to 10 kilometres apart

Officials have now expanded their search area to see if more of the mammals are stuck nearby

CLEAN-UP

Officials will now turn their attention to the disposal of the whale carcasses, with assessors arriving onsite to create a clean-up plan

LARGEST MASS STRANDING

It is the largest mass stranding ever recorded in Tasmania, an island state off mainland Australia's south coast, and likely the biggest in the country's history

460
long-finned pilot whales were stuck in Macquarie Harbour, most of them have now perished
MAJOR MASS STRANDING AROUND THE WORLD

MADAGASCAR
2008
Around a hundred whales swam onto the beaches of Madagascar and three-quarters of them perished. This was the first mass beaching that was due to high-frequency sonar mapping systems deployed in the hunt for oil

NEW ZEALAND
The country is considered as one of "hotspots" for whale strandings and has recorded incidents dating back to the 1800s
1918
New Zealand's largest reported mass stranding, where 1,000 whales beached at the remote Chatham Islands

NATURAL EVENT
Marine biologists claim that this was a "natural event" with standings of the species occurring regularly throughout history in both Australian and New Zealand

JAPAN
2015
Around 150 melon-headed whales were found washed up on a stretch of beach in Japan. The cetaceans, were thought to have either suffered from a parasitic infection that disrupted their ability to navigate

ARGENTINA
1946
One of the largest known mass beachings in the last century was of false killer whales. An estimated 835 were stranded near Mar del Plata in the country

CHILE
2015
More than 300 whales were discovered washed up on a remote Patagonian inlet in southern Chile. A surge in algae in the water, known as a "red tide", was believed to be the culprit

REASON The causes of mass strandings remain unknown — even to scientists who have been studying the phenomenon for decades

However, some researchers have suggested the highly sociable pilot whales may have gone off track after feeding close to the shoreline or by following one or two whales that strayed

Web giants including Facebook have struck a deal with advertisers on how to identify harmful content such as hate speech. The agreement — which also included Twitter and YouTube — laid out for the first time a common set of definitions for hateful statements online.

MIT prof wins top AI award for cancer work

DRUG DEVELOPMENT

CAMBRIDGE: A Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor using computer science to detect cancer and discover new drugs has won a new $1 million award for artificial intelligence.

The world's biggest AI society awarded its top prize Wednesday to Regina Barzilay, a professor at MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory.

MIT says Barzilay is a breast cancer survivor whose 2014 diagnosis led her to shift her AI work to creating systems for drug development and early cancer diagnosis.

Her early diagnosis tool has been tested in multiple hospitals, including Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital and others in Taiwan and Sweden.

She is also a member of MIT's Institute for Medical Engineering and Science and a faculty co-lead for MIT's Abdul Latif Jameel Clinic for Machine Learning in Health.

She's the inaugural winner of the new annual award given by the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence and funded by Chinese online education company Squirrel AI. It's meant to elevate AI advancements to the level of a Nobel Prize or computer science's Turing Award, while also highlighting AI research that benefits society.

Leopards that went nearly extinct spotted near Beijing after a gap of 20 yrs

(File image) A North China leopard cub pictured in Berlin zoo | AFP

FELINE WATCH

BEIJING: North China leopards, once on the edge of extinction, have been spotted again in their traditional mountainous habitats near Beijing after more than two decades, following improvement in their living environment, China's official media reported.

It is a clear sign that the population of the rare subspecies of leopard has continued to grow as the environment in the region has improved, a report by *Xinhua* news agency said.

The leopard, also known as the Chinese leopard, is classified as a national first-class protected animal in China. It once widely inhabited in Beijing, the provinces of Hebei and Shanxi and other parts of North China. However, in the second half of the 20th century, deforestation and rampant illegal hunting led to a sharp decrease in its numbers.

By 2008, the population had reduced to fewer than 500, while their habitat area was estimated to have declined by 80 per cent. Since November 2012, the endangered leopard has been repeatedly spotted in its traditional habitats in Hebei province-Xiaowutai Mountain and Tuoliang-thanks to conservation efforts in the region.

Most recently, a North China leopard was spotted in Hebei Tuoliang National Nature Reserve on August 20, according to Huang Qiaowen of the Chinese Felid Conservation Alliance (CFCA), a nonprofit organisation specialising in the protection of wildcats.

Last year, an infrared camera captured a female North China leopard wandering with two cubs in the forest of Heshun. It was the fourth time that evidence of leopards breeding had been recorded in Heshun since 2018. Over the past two years, 15 leopard cubs have been spotted in the forest.

The Heshun government has launched a special fund to offer farmers compensation of $150 to $300 for each livestock animal killed by a leopard.

Fake FB pages from China aimed to disrupt US polls

People behind the network tried to conceal their identity and location via virtual private networks, said the social media giant

DISINFORMATION

WASHINGTON: Facebook says it has removed a small network of fake accounts and pages that originated in China and focused on disrupting political activity in the US and several other countries.

The US-focused activity was just a "sliver" of the accounts' overall activity and gained almost no following, Facebook said. Their primary focus was Southeast Asia, including the Philippines.

In the US, the accounts posted material both in support of and against presidential candidates Pete Buttigieg, Joe Biden and President Donald Trump.

Facebook did not link the network directly to the Chinese government. It said the people behind the network tried to conceal their identity and location via virtual private networks and other methods.

Concerns about foreign efforts to interfere in the election were underscored by a warning on Tuesday from the FBI

and Department of Homeland Security's cybersecurity agency that foreign actors and cybercriminals were likely to try to spread disinformation regarding the results of the election, including by creating fake websites or social media content aimed at discrediting the process.

The agencies noted that even if a foreign actor managed to tamper with an election-related website, the underlying data would remain uncompromised. US intelligence officials warned last month about ongoing or potential efforts by China, Russia and Iran to interfere in November's election.

In an August public assessment, the country's chief counterintelligence official, William Evanina, said officials had determined that Beijing regards Trump as unpredictable and wants to see him lose to Biden.

The statement said that China had been expanding its influence operations ahead of the election to "shape the policy environment in the United States" and had been weighing the pros and cons of taking more aggressive action.

Facebook said the network focused mainly on Southeast Asia, where it posted in Chinese, Filipino and English about global news and current events.

These included Beijing's interests in the South China Sea, Hong Kong, support for Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte and his daughter's potential run in that nation's 2022 presidential election, and criticism of *Rappler*, an independent news organisation in the Philippines.

FREE MEAL

A flock of pigeons peck grains from a truck full of wheat sacks in Bhubaneswar on Wednesday | BISWANATH SWAIN

China, biggest emitter, aims to be carbon free by 2060

WARNINGS OF NATURE

UNITED NATIONS: Chinese President Xi Jinping says his country will aim to stop adding to the global warming problem by 2060. Xi's announcement during a speech Tuesday to the UN General Assembly is a significant step for the world's biggest emitter of greenhouse gases.

Calling for a "green revolution," Xi said the coronavirus pandemic had shown the need to preserve the environment.

"Humankind can no longer afford to ignore the repeated warnings of nature," he said. "We aim to have CO_2 emissions peak before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060."

China released the equivalent of 10 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere in 2018, according to the Global Carbon Project that tracks emissions worldwide.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Spain bans small sailboats

ORCA ATTACKS

Spain has temporarily banned sailboats from a stretch of its northwestern coast after several vessels were damaged in attacks by orcas, or killer whales, in recent weeks. The week-long ban, which came into effect on Tuesday night, applies to sailboats under 15 metres long and aims to protect "both people and the orcas", the transport ministry said in a statement. It extends between the capes of the Priorino Grande and la Punta de Estaca de Bares in the northwestern region of Galicia, a stretch of about 100 kilometres of coast. The first attack was reported on August 19, said the ministry. Since then there had been several more orca attacks against sailboats.

-69.6°C! New Arctic record

1991's TEMP

A new cold record in the Northern Hemisphere of -69.6°C was set on December 22, 1991, in Greenland, the Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI) announced on Wednesday, 28 years after the fact. The temperature, recorded at a weather station outside of the usual network, was exhumed by "climate detectives" who later had it confirmed by the World Meteorological Organisation. "The record was registered at an altitude of 3,105 metres, near the topographical summit of the icecap, at an automatic test station called Klinck," the DMI said. The previous record low in the Northern Hemisphere was -67.8°C, registered in Russia in 1892 and 1933.

DOGS ON DUTY

Finland deploys coronavirus-sniffing canines at country's main airport

COVID SCREENING

HELSINKI: Finland has deployed coronavirus-sniffing dogs at the Nordic country's main international airport in a four-month trial of an alternative testing method that could become a cost-friendly and quick way to identify infected travellers.

Four dogs of different breeds trained by Finland's Smell Detection Association started working Wednesday at the Helsinki Airport as part of the government-financed trial.

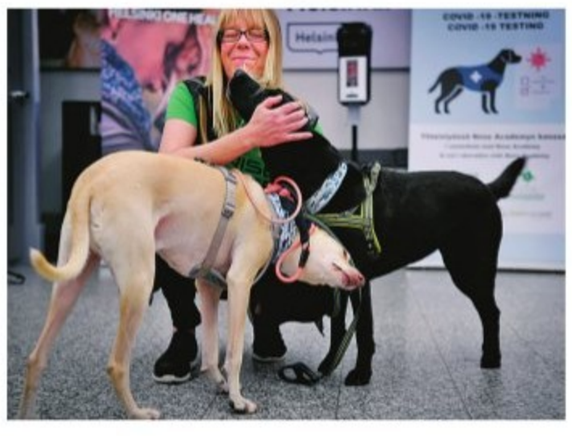
"It's a very promising method. Dogs are very good at sniffing," Anna Hielm-Bjorkman, a University of Helsinki professor of equine and small animal medicine, said.

"If it works, it will be a good (coronavirus) screening method at any other places," she said, listing hospitals, ports, elderly people's homes, sports venues and cultural events among the possible locations where trained dogs could put their snouts to work.

While researchers in several countries, including Australia, France, Germany the United States, are also studying canines as coronavirus detectors, the Finnish trial is among the largest so far.

Hielm-Bjorkman told *The Associated Press* that Finland is the second country after the United Arab Emirates — and the first in Europe — to assign dogs to sniff out the coronavirus. A similar program started at Dubai International Airport over the summer.

Passengers who agree to take a free test under the voluntary program in Helsinki do not have direct physical contact with a dog.



Sniffer dogs, named K'ssi, left and Miina react with trainer Susanna Paavilainen at the Helsinki airport in Vantaa, Finland, on Tuesday | AP

They are asked to swipe their skin with a wipe which is then put into a jar and given to a dog waiting in a separate booth. The participating animals — ET, Kossi, Miina and Valo — previously underwent training to detect cancer, diabetes or other diseases.

It takes the dog a mere 10 seconds to sniff the virus samples before it gives the test result by scratching a paw, laying down, barking or otherwise making its conclusion known. The process should be completed within one minute, according to Hielm-Bjorkman.

If the result is positive, the passenger is urged to take a standard polymerase chain reaction, or PCR, coronavirus test, to check the dog's accuracy.

Timo Aronkyto, the deputy mayor of Vantaa, the capital region city where the airport is located, said the programme is costing $3,50,000 — an amount he called "remarkably lower" than for other methods of mass testing arriving passengers.

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THURSDAY

DAY'S DIARY

Birth of a company

Japanese businessman Soichiro Honda founded Honda Motor Company, Ltd. (Japanese: Honda Giken Kogyo KK) on this day in 1948

QUITE A CLIMB

Soichiro began his career as a mechanic at the age of 15. From setting up his own shop, he grew to creating Honda Technical Research Institute, which became the motor company

BICYCLE BEGINNINGS

Soichiro's work took flight when he began using generator engines as auxiliary power for bicycles. When this became a hit, Honda developed an original engine

THE NUMBERS GAME

Honda has retained the tag of world's largest motorcycle manufacturer since 1959, hitting a production of 400 million units by end of 2019

'Honoured to share screen space with Upendra'

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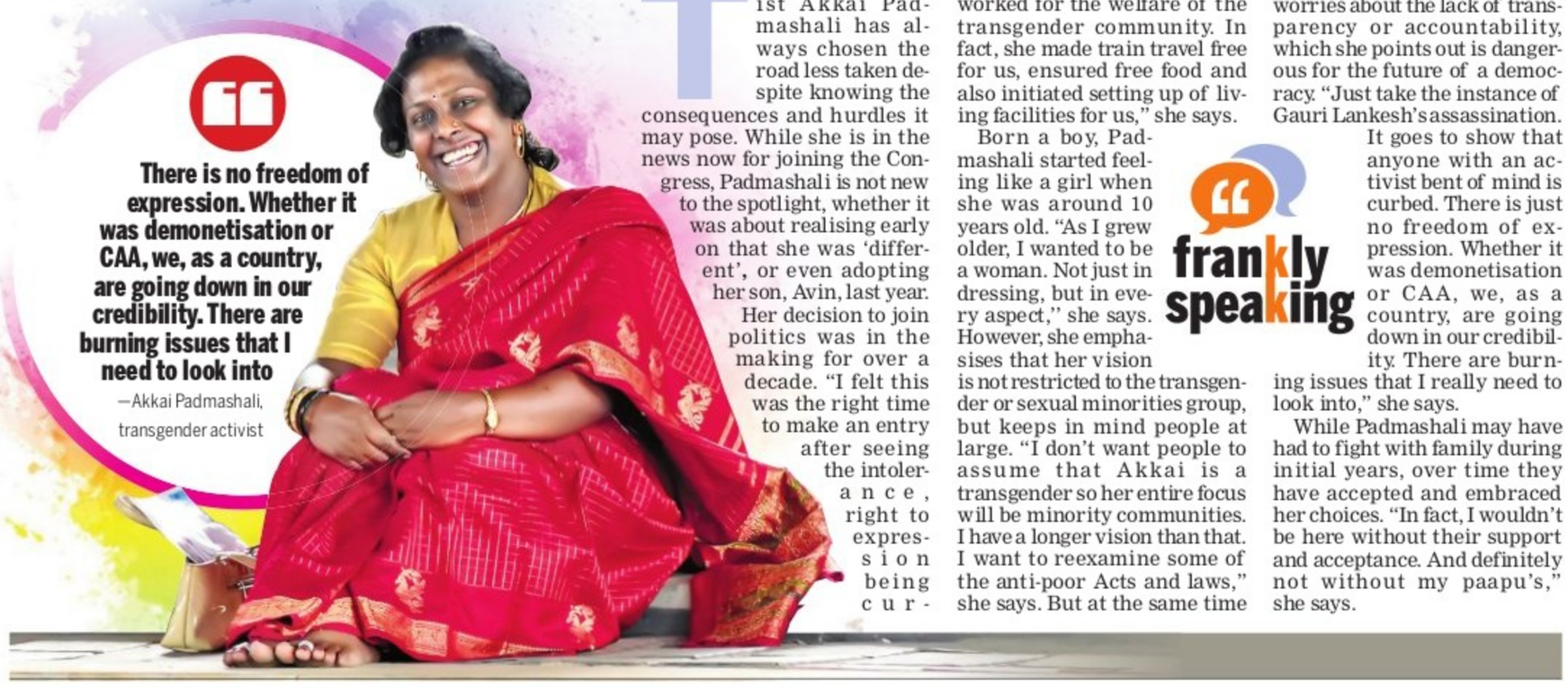
CALL OF DUTY

Face of LGBTQ+ community, Akkai Padmashali tells *CE* how her dissatisfaction with various issues led to her joining the Congress



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—Akkai Padmashali, transgender activist

Vidya Iyengar

Transgender activist Akkai Padmashali has always chosen the road less taken despite knowing the consequences and hurdles it may pose. While she is in the news now for joining the Congress, Padmashali is not new to the spotlight, whether it was about realising early on that she was 'different', or even adopting her son, Avin, last year.

Her decision to join politics was in the making for over a decade. "I felt this was the right time to make an entry after seeing the intolerance, right to expression being curtailed and a general sense of gloom," she says. Hailing from a family of Congress supporters, except for her BJP supporter father who passed away last month, her decision about which party to join came somewhat naturally. "My mother is a great Congress supporter and when we were having discussions at home, she was emphatic that I should be a part of the party. Right from Indira Gandhi's times, the Congress has worked for the welfare of the transgender community. In fact, she made train travel free for us, ensured free food and also initiated setting up of living facilities for us," she says.

Born a boy, Padmashali started feeling like a girl when she was around 10 years old. "As I grew older, I wanted to be a woman. Not just in dressing, but in every aspect," she says. However, she emphasises that her vision is not restricted to the transgender or sexual minorities group, but keeps in mind people at large. "I don't want people to assume that Akkai is a transgender so her entire focus will be minority communities. I have a longer vision than that. I want to reexamine some of the anti-poor Acts and laws," she says. But at the same time she mentions that whether it is the Rights of Transgender Persons Bill, 2014, or the abolishment of Section 377 in 2018, the decisions have been mere rulings on paper, without any ground-level implementations. "For any sort of implementation, there needs to be political participation, only after which we can start educating the public on sexuality and gender issues," she says.

frankly speaking

Padmashali, in her thirties, worries about the lack of transparency or accountability, which she points out is dangerous for the future of a democracy. "Just take the instance of Gauri Lankesh's assassination. It goes to show that anyone with an activist bent of mind is curbed. There is just no freedom of expression. Whether it was demonetisation or CAA, we, as a country, are going down in our credibility. There are burning issues that I really need to look into," she says.

While Padmashali may have had to fight with family during initial years, over time they have accepted and embraced her choices. "In fact, I wouldn't be here without their support and acceptance. And definitely not without my paapu's," she says.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Answers

The correct answers are

1. 1915
2. Sankey tank
3. 1995

First 3 readers who got it right	1) Anil Kumar Janardanan	
	2) Dr Rajendra M P	3) Srikantan

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture. The quiz will be published every Wednesday. Send answers to bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

Juggling act

Simran Ahuja

After 29 years of performing in the arena, Rambo Circus is going online for the first time this month to raise funds for its troupe of artistes and animals

Sujit Dilip

It's been almost six months since Rambo Circus has stayed put in Airoli, Navi Mumbai. This has been the longest the troupe, or "vagabonds" as circus owner Sujit Dilip fondly calls them, has stuck to being in one place. With no go-ahead to resume shows just yet, the decades-old circus – which was formed by combining three other circuses in 1991 – is looking at daily costs of ₹25,000 to sustain their crew of 50 artistes and supporting personnel, 17 dogs and one pony. With the world of art going the virtual way to sustain themselves, it was only a matter of time before Rambo Circus did that as well. Come Sept. 25, 26 and 27, and a digital show called 'Life Is A Circus' will be livestreamed on BookMyShow Online and is supported by BookASmile, the charity initiative of the platform, along with Swaradhar, an NGO dedicated towards the wellbeing of the artist community. All funds raised will go towards the circus' artistes and their families. Though not the first fundraising initiative held since the pandemic, this one is different. "Here we are still performing to collect money. There's pride in earning through a show," says Dilip.

The hour-long show, held in association with Laqshya Live Experiences and Production Crew Entertainment, presents a narrativised performance of Rambo Circus' history and the backstory of some of their artistes and performances, and took three months to plan and script. Shooting for the pre-recorded show, where the circus tent doubled as a studio, was done a month ago. People will get to see their popular acts as well, featuring jugglers, clowns and trapeze artistes. It took two days of shooting (not including one day for technical rehearsals) and six cameras to bring the show to life again. Explaining the behind-the-scenes action, Saurabh Khurana, senior vice president, Laqshya Live Experiences, says some of the acts had to be stylised to make them TV-friendly. "We had to figure out entry and exit points and the correct positioning so that the cameras could capture everything. Each act was done more than once so that the cameras could capture different perspectives," he adds.

"The grand finale has all of these coming together for a combined act, which is dedicated to all our Covid warriors," says Dilip, whose phone has been ringing non-stop for a while now. "People are confused about how the show will be. We were initially planning this on a smaller scale but now, we have a broadway-style online show that's similar to our in-person performances. The only thing missing is popcorn and candyfloss," says Dilip, whose pre-pandemic plans included upgrading the circus with special effects and technology from Germany and Japan, while also revamping the lighting and seating in the tent, and housing conditions of the artistes. "We haven't given up on this yet," he says. "As soon as the situation regains normalcy, we will pick up this plan again."

The online circus show will feature jugglers, clowns, trapeze artistes and other performers

The show will be livestreamed on Sept. 25, 26 and 27. Tickets (₹199 onwards) available on BookMyShow.com

Road to inspiration

Vidya Iyengar

Milind Soman has always hit the news for his record-breaking initiatives in running. But few know that at the Ultraman, a couple of years ago, Soman almost missed the finish line. The three-day event includes 423 km of cycling, a 10-km swim and 84-km ultramarathon, and during the cycling stage, Soman first went off the route erroneously and then had a flat tyre. "These things happen but that day, he literally made it to the finish line with five seconds to spare. And on the running day too he finished with about five minutes to spare," shares Gauri Jayaram, founder of Active Holiday Company.

This is just one of the tidbits that are in store at The RunAway Show, which is hosted by Jayaram and will feature actor and runner Milind Soman in its second episode. The hour-long chat will take place on Instagram and will be live on both Soman and Jayaram's pages.

As a build-up to the Berlin marathon, which is taking place virtually this Sunday, Soman will share some insights from his barefoot running experiences. According to Jayaram, the most popular international race among Indians is the Berlin Marathon, owing to its flat course. The marathon has a 2:01:39 challenge. The goal is to cover as many kilometers as possible within that time frame, which is a world record time set by Eliud Kipchoge in 2018. "Now, all the marathons are virtual, with each one coming up with different ways to differentiate themselves," she says, adding that the show is meant for runners who love to travel.

With the pandemic, Jayaram suddenly found her work coming to a standstill. Even as she believes that there will be a pent-up demand that will lead to a surge in travel, Jayaram debated about what else she could add to her portfolio of being an entrepreneur, author and runner. It was then that Bangalore Runners, a running community in the city, proposed that she host a talk show. "It combines all my interests of travel, running and interacting with people," she says. Having interacted with over 1,000 runners every year -- including some who have run in seven continents – she believes that the show can be sustained for a while.

Gauri Jayaram with Milind Soman

Having known Soman from close quarters – he launched Jayaram's book in multiple cities and has done the Chicago, Athens, and Jerusalem marathons through her company – Jayaram feels there are unknown stories about him that need to be shared. "He's an inspirational figure whose story needs to be told. I've even met his mother who is equally passionate about fitness. Besides being a supermodel, actor and runner, he's also an entrepreneur," she says.

The show will be live on Sept. 25, 6.30pm, on Milind Soman and Gauri Jayaram's Instagram handles.

STEPPING STONES

Classical connect

Kapila Venu

Monika Monalisa

The future of art has been a topic haunting many performing artistes in these times. But with hopes of keeping spirits high despite the gloom, Nupura School of Bharatanatyam is going ahead with its dance conference in a virtual manner this year. Nitya Nritya will feature more than 15 prominent classical dancers like Praveen Kumar (Bharatanatyam); Madhu Nataraj (Kathak); Arushi Mudgal (Odissi); and Kapila Venu (Koodiyattam).

This nine-day programme, which starts on Oct. 3, will also discuss different aspects of different classical dance forms. "For instance, if we are speaking about the abhinaya for Geeta Govindam by poet Jayadeva, then we will look at how the abhinaya is different in different dance forms like Bharatanatyam, Kathak and Odissi," says Manu Srinivasan, who works with the more than 30-year-old dance school.

The dance conference has been held for the past three decades. Unlike last year, where there were many performances, this time they are focusing on the conference and presentations. "But there will be some pre-recorded demonstrations by the dancers,"adds Srinivasan. But speaking about the sliver lining of virtual concerts, she adds, "We are hoping it reaches more people interested in dance."

Odissi dancer Arushi Mudgal says, "I am excited about the conference because it's not just about performances. It also explores choreography and different aspects of dance."

With a lot of talk around the importance of arts during this pandemic, the organisers have also arranged a segment where young dancers will present their vision on the future of dance. "The future of traditional art forms today is in the hands of the young dancers who have taken up classical arts as a career and are working on their craft with professional intent. We are dedicating a segment of the conference to hear from them about their vision, preparedness and perspectives for the way forward," adds Srinivasan.

The conference will take place from Oct. 3-11, on the school's social media handle.

Madhu Nataraj

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

ONION ROTI

INGREDIENTS

- **Rice flour:** 1 measure
- **Onions:** 2 measures, finely chopped
- **Sesame seeds:** 3 tsp
- **Jeera:** 3 tsp
- **Grated coconut:** 1/2 a coconut
- **Green chillies:** 8 to 10 (as per taste)
- Coriander leaves
- Salt to taste
- **Sugar:** 1 tsp (optional)

METHOD:

- Thoroughly mix the above ingredients. Add a little boiled water to make a dough.
- Make balls of required size and spread it on a plain white, wet cloth smeared with oil
- Put the flattened dough on a tawa and roast both sides with oil.
- Serve hot with coconut chutney.

Note: You can use the wet cloth to transfer the roti to the tawa.

- Mangala J, Bengaluru

SPACE WATCH

HUBBLE CAPTURES NEW PORTRAITS OF JUPITER'S STORMS

The Hubble Space Telescope turned towards Jupiter last month, capturing colourful views of the giant planet and its icy moon Europa, more than 400 million miles from Earth. The images reveal a new storm brewing on Jupiter, giving scientists an enticing snapshot of the gas giant's ever-changing weather. Racing around the planet at 350 miles per hour (560 kilometres) per hour, the fresh storm is located on the upper left part of Jupiter in the Hubble views. The timing of Hubble's observations was perfect to study Jupiter's newest storm system. NASA said storms commonly form in the same latitude band on Jupiter every six years or so. A multiwavelength observation in ultraviolet/visible/near-infrared light of Jupiter obtained by the Hubble Space Telescope is giving researchers an entirely new view of the giant planet. Jupiter's famous Great Red Spot is also clearly visible in Hubble's newest images. Europa, one of Jupiter's four largest moons, appears to the left of the planet in Hubble's observation.

Source: Nasa.gov

BRIGHT SPOT

THE RIVER GIRL

When Shalmali Nalawade was 11 years old, she saw someone toss a big bag of rubbish into the river Mutha from Warje bridge in Pune. This triggered a strong emotional reaction from Shalmali, who became determined to do something about such callous behaviour. She told her parents that she would stand at the bridge and stop people from doing so. Her parents agreed and Shalmali did succeed in convincing some people not to pollute the water body. Now, 14 years old, Shalmali is one of the youngest members of a volunteer group, Jeevitnadi, working on wetland conservation in the Mutha river. For almost three years now, she has dedicatedly gone for the cleanliness drives. Over time, she also influenced her family members and friends' to join the drive. Shalmali also went on to do a course on ornithology, learning about insects, botany and other aspects of environmental conservation, which will all come in handy in her future endeavours of saving rivers.

Source: The Better India

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SOUND BOARD

SCROLLS & LEAVES

The podcast features stories from the margins of history. Hosts Mary Rose Abraham and Gayathri Vaidyanathan, meander through the little-known tales from history, science, and cultures to contextualise our present.

- On Spotify

THE CONNECTED LIFE

The podcast features thought-provoking conversation about all the beautiful and messy ups and downs of life. Life consultants Justin and Abi Stumvoll share vulnerable stories and practical wisdom that will lead you on a journey of connecting with yourself, others, and the world right in front of you.

- On Apple Podcasts

THE DEVDUTT PATTANAIK SHOW

The podcast aims at making mythology the buzz word for young listeners. Devdutt Pattanaik is here to make mythology more relatable, affable and cooler for the younger audiences.

- On Spotify

THE WILD WITH CHRIS MORGAN

Taking listeners across the Pacific Northwest and around the world, host Chris Morgan explores wildlife and the complex web of ecosystems they inhabit. He also tells the stories of people working in and protecting the wild around us.

- On Stitcher

ANNA FARIS IS UNQUALIFIED

Join host Anna Faris in an ongoing weekly experiment where she attempts to gain insights into the world by talking to celebrity guests and by giving out completely unqualified advice to callers, often with the help of much more qualified expert guests.

- On Stitcher

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

MUNGARU MALE 2

Preetham, the son of Suryakanth, a millionaire, easily gets bored when it comes to relationships. He understands love after he meets Nandini.

- Cast: Ganesh, Neha Shetty, V. Ravichandran

MR. AND MRS. RAMACHARI

Ramachari and Divya fall in love after the former saves her from a group of bullies in their college. However, they part ways when Divya begins to question his behaviour, trust and way of life.

- Cast: Yash, Radhika Pandit

PUTTARAJU LOVER OF SHASHIKALA

Puttaraju tries everything to woo his classmate, Shashikala, but she has to leave school after her father gets transferred to Shivamogga.

- Cast: Amith Gowda, Jayashree Aradhya

KOODAL NAGAR

After the death of their father, Suriyan and Chandran, twin brothers, travel to Madurai in search of employment. While Suriyan gets a job in a library, Chandran starts working in a hospital.

- Cast: Bharath, Sandhya, Bhavana

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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 FREE FALLING IN OUTER SPACE BY MATT J. CARLSON

If you were to orbit the Earth, you'd experience the feeling of free fall, not unlike what your stomach feels before a big dive on a roller-coaster. With a little help from Sir Isaac Newton, Matt J. Carlson explains the basic forces acting on an astronaut and why you probably shouldn't try this one at home.

2 CAN YOU SOLVE THE MULTIPLYING RABBITS RIDDLE? BY ALEX GENDLER

After years of experiments, you've finally created the pets of the future – nano-rabbits! They're tiny, they're fuzzy ... and they multiply faster than the eye can see. But a rival lab has sabotaged you, threatening the survival of your new friends. Can you figure out how to avert this hare-raising catastrophe? Alex Gendler shows how.

3 HOW DO FOCUS GROUPS WORK? BY HECTOR LANZ

Focus groups have been widely used by organisations and individuals to find out how their products and ideas will be received by an audience. But how are focus groups put together? And how did they come about in the first place? Hector Lanz explains.

4 HOW EQUAL DO WE WANT THE WORLD TO BE? YOU'D BE SURPRISED BY DAN ARIELY

The news of society's growing inequality makes all of us uneasy. But why? Dan Ariely reveals some new, surprising research on what we think is fair, as far as how wealth is distributed over societies ... then shows how it stacks up to the real stats.

5 A PROSECUTOR'S VISION FOR A BETTER JUSTICE SYSTEM BY ADAM FOSS

When a kid commits a crime, the US justice system has a choice: prosecute to the full extent of the law, or take a step back and ask if saddling young people with criminal records is the right thing to do every time. In this searching talk, Adam Foss makes his case for a reformed justice system that replaces wrath with opportunity.

FIT BIT

UTTANA MANDUKASANA

(STRETCHED UP FROG POSE)

In Sanskrit, uttana means 'upright' or 'stretched up', manduka means 'frog' and asana means 'pose'. The final position of this asana resembles an upright frog; hence, the name. It comes under cultural or corrective asana and brings stability and a sense of well-being. This pose helps to correct postural defects, disturbed function of various systems and improper muscle tone. It has been mentioned in so many yogic ancient texts, including Gherandasamhita. In its most common form, this asana is an intense hip-opener. Traditionally, it opens the Svadisthana (spleen or sacral) chakra. This chakra is the centre of creativity, pleasure and enjoyment. Activating it promotes focus, productivity and inner acceptance.

STEPS

- Sit in Vajrasana. Place hands on the sides.
- Now, spread both the knees wide apart, keeping the toes together.
- Take the hands over the shoulder and join them behind the head and slide them down.
- Maintain shallow breathing if unable to sustain a 'breathing out' situation. Hold the position for 3 to 10 counts.
- The drishti for this asana is 'oordhva drishti' (gazing into space or ceiling) or 'bhrumadhya drishti' (gazing between the eyebrows).
- Now, slowly release the pressure and bring the hands to the sides.
- Then, come back to Vajrasana position.
- Breathe deeply. Repeat 3 to 6 times.

BENEFITS

- Gives good relief from throat pain.
- Helps to make the back muscles flexible and supple, thereby relieving the back pain.
- Gives adequate stretching to the diaphragm and lungs region.
- Useful to get relief from shoulder pain and cervical problems.
- Helps to strengthen the knees and its adjoining muscles.
- Beneficial for the health of elbows.
- Helps to get relieved from shoulder pain and discomfort.
- Gives adequate stretching to the abdominal sides. Helps to make them slim, especially from the tummy area.
- Helpful for the health of ovaries and testes. Helps to resolve menstrual problems.

LIMITATIONS

- People with arthritis, hernia, severe shoulder pain and back problems must perform under supervision of a yoga expert.
- Don't perform this asana during menstruation or pregnancy.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

ONTHARA BANNAGALU : TWIST OF LOVE (Kannada)

The movie is about the emotional journey of five characters, and how the circumstances bring them to a single cross road

- Cast: Kiran Srinivas, Sonu Gowda, Hitha Chandrasheka
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

ORU VISHESHAPETTA BIRIYANI KISSA (Malayalam)

A widow takes on the challenge when the village's biryani chef unexpectedly passes away.

- Cast: Joju George, Nedumudi Venu, Bhagath Manuel
- Watch on: Netflix

DANNY (Tamil)

After police inspector Kunthavai picks up a complex murder case for investigation, she takes the help of Danny, a smart police dog, to unearth a gang of dangerous criminals involved in serial killing

- Cast: Yogi Babu, Vela Ramamoorthy, Varalaxmi Sarathkumar
- Watch on: Zee 5

47 DAYS (Telugu)

Satya, a suspended cop, who lost his wife in mysterious circumstances, unexpectedly gets hold of a case which relates to her death. He's starts investigating, which eventually hunts down his past and brings chaos in his life. How Satya solves the mystery surrounding him forms the rest of the story.

- Cast: Satyadev Kancharana, Pooja Jhaveri, Roshini Prakash
- Watch on: Zee 5

DUM LAGA KE HAISHA (Hindi)

Prem, a school dropout, hesitantly marries an educated but overweight Sandhya. However, the two come closer when they take part in a race, which involves Prem carrying Sandhya on his back.

- Cast: Bhumi Pednekar, Ayushmann Khurrana, Sanjay Mishra, Sheeba Chaddha, Seema Pahwa
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

ATKAN CHATKAN (Hindi)

It is the story of a gifted kid Guddu, who along with his street-kid friends, forms a band to win a prestigious musical competition without using conventional instruments and unites his separated musician parents.

- Cast: Lydian Nadhaswaram, Amitriyaan, Taaha Shah Badusha
- Watch on: Zee 5

SOOJIDAARA (Kannada)

The lives of an abused housewife, an aspiring actress, and a man running away from his past intertwine in strange ways, pushing them further in the path to discover their identities.

- Cast: Shreya Anchan, Haripriya, Suchendra Prasad, Yash Shetty
- Watch on: Zee 5

ENGLISH

RAMY (English, series)

In New Jersey, Ramy, son of Egyptian migrants, begins a spiritual journey, divided between his Muslim community, God, and his friends who see endless possibilities.

- Cast: Ramy Youssef, Amr Waked, Mohammed Amer
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

DEVIL ALL THE TIME (English)

This is an American crime film that examines themes of evil, religion, and the abuse of power in rural small-town America. It is based on the novel of the same name by Donald Ray Pollock.

- Cast: Robert Pattinson, Haley Bennett, Tom Holland
- Watch on: Netflix

KIKI'S DELIVERY SERVICE (Japanese)

A young witch, on her mandatory year of independent life, finds fitting into a new community difficult while she supports herself by running an air courier service.

- Cast: Minami Takayama, Rei Sakuma , Kappei Yamaguchi
- Watch on: Netflix

SALON KITTY (French)

SS officer Wallenberg is ordered to find Germany's most beautiful women to work in the opulent brothel of Madam Kitty, while Wallenberg secretly records their acts for blackmail. When a young prostitute uncovers the conspiracy, her revenge ignites a plot of pain and perversion.

- Cast: Ingrid Thulin, Helmut Berger, John Steiner
- Watch on: Mubi

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix: ₹199 per month
Amazon Prime: ₹ 129 per month
Zee5: ₹ 99 per month
Mubi: ₹ 499 per month

Core of the matter

GET MOVING
Shwetambari Shetty

The core is not just your abs. It's a series of muscles, it's everything minus your limbs. The core is used in almost every movement of the human body. Hence, if it is not strong, you are prone to many injuries. The major muscles of the core reside in the area of the belly and the mid and lower back. The hips, shoulders and the neck, on the other hand, are the minor core muscles.

Every human core needs to be strong. To play a sport or to run, to bend down or climb stairs – every functional movement is dependent on the core. Weak core muscles means poor posture and back pain. Our sedentary lifestyle only contributes to weakening of the core muscles. There is a real need to strengthen them.

It is important to first achieve core stability to protect the spine and other muscles from injury. Training the core is not limited to crunches. In fact, the core never needed crunches. It needs functional movements like squats, weight lifting, push-ups, and others, like the classic plank, hip bridge, and cat-camel, bird-dog poses, etc.

The plank and side plank can help test static core strength, and knees to chest, and toes to bar test dynamic core strength. So for all the beginners out there, let's start with the basic plank and side plank. Practising this can do wonders for your core. Planks are easy to implement, do not need any equipment and can be done absolutely anywhere and also in any attire. They are great for abs as they engage all abdomen muscles and the glutes as well. Besides burning calories, improving stability and posture, planks also strengthen back muscles, which helps keep your spine safe from injuries.

Bottom line, practise planks every day. The elbow or raised plank and the side plank can be a part of your daily warm-up or added to your main workout. You can also hold a plank while reading or listening to something, or even while talking on the phone. Make the plank a daily habit and your body will thank you.

(The author is a fitness expert with Cure.Fit)

NAIL THE PLANK

Get into a push-up position on the floor, palms right under your shoulders, head to toe in one straight line. Do not drop your hips or push it up to the ceiling. Your head must be aligned with the spine, eyes on the floor. Hold the position for as long as you can. Start slow, 15 seconds and then gradually progress to 90 seconds. If this is hard, bring your knees down and start with a knee plank.

The same position can be maintained, with elbows on the floor and elbows under shoulders for the elbow plank.

For side plank, your elbow must be located directly under the shoulder and feet must be stacked on top of each other, while maintaining straight spinal alignment. Start with 15 seconds on either side and progress to 60 seconds.

Remember to breathe. Inhale and exhale slowly and steadily.

When your form begins to suffer, drop, relax and do it again if you need to. Do not overdo the hold time. A few minutes is alright, but it can compromise form. So hold for a shorter, challenging duration and keep it consistent.

You can make it more challenging by doing single leg planks, plank shoulder taps, reverse plank and more such variations.

BIG ON BISCOFF

Move over Dalgona Coffee, there's a new viral food trend in town. Say hello to Lotus Biscoff, a Belgium-made biscuit that is slowly becoming the star ingredient in cookies, doughnuts and cheesecakes

• **Monika Monalisa**

It wasn't until recently that home baker Seema Punjabi's social media feed started throwing up pictures of Lotus Biscoff. This caramelised biscuit, created by Belgian baker Jan Boone Sr in 1932, seems to be enjoying its moment of glory as netizens go gaga over a new viral trend. Inspired by the internet's love for this age-old coffee companion, Punjabi too decided to try her hands on baking something with it. "And now, there is no going back. My clients and I are hooked," she says.

Out of many recipes of the biscoff, Punjabi says the Biscoff Doughnuts, Biscoff Papa Roti Buns (butter coffee buns with biscoff spread and crumbs), Choc Chunk Biscoff Cookies and the Biscoff No Bake Cheesecake are a big hit. "The demand started during the lockdown about two months ago. Sourcing it, however, is a little challenging as it's not available easily. But the taste is unique and goes perfectly with coffee. It's a deep caramel spiced biscuit, which is not too sweet. The demand has made me stock up for a few months on the biscuit and the spread," says Punjabi, who adds that the product can be bought on Amazon or in gourmet stores.

Other home bakers too seem to be jumping on board. Zuhair Masood Sait, who started the Go Bananans home bakery with his mother and sister, is also hooked to the trend. "At first, I just wanted to be a part of the new trend but it paid off well. We have done more than 100 deliveries of biscoff desserts and we still have not got a single complain," says Sait.

Popularly known for its caramelised taste and mostly recommended with black coffee, biscoff's name is derived from 'bis' for biscuit and 'coff' for coffee. This coffee companion also earned popularity for being the perfect snack during flights. But certain bakers like Tanupriya Gupta, who were aware of the taste, were initially amused about its sudden fame. "I came across it long ago, when my friends in the US used to flaunt it. When I tried it, I felt like I have tried biscuits with similar taste in Indian brands too. But the spread is something unique and once you start turning it into a dessert, it tastes unique," says the techie-turned-baker, who had got four orders of Biscoff Cheesecake from a single family in August. "That's how obsessed people are with it!" she says with a laugh.

The Lotus Biscoff is a deep caramel spiced biscuit, which is not too sweet. The demand has made me stock up for a few months on the biscuit and the spread

—**Seema Punjabi,** home baker

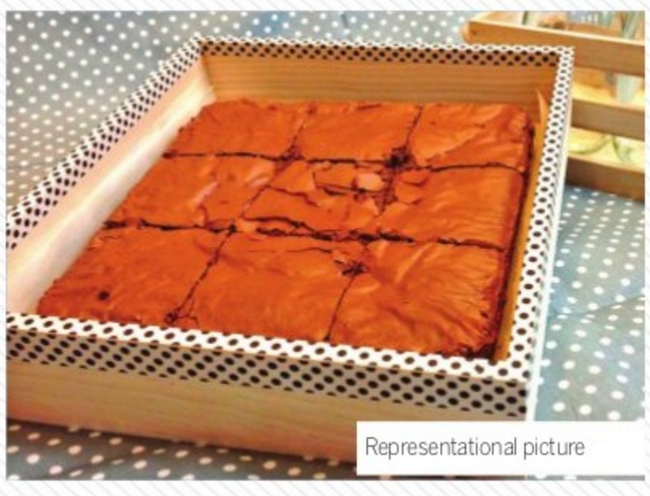
BISCOFF BROWNIES

Ingredients

- 80 gm dark chocolate
- 60 gm butter
- 75 gm sugar
- 1 tbsp cocoa powder
- 1 egg
- 1-2 packs biscoff
- Biscoff spread

Method

- In a bowl melt chocolate and butter.
- Let it cool slightly.
- Mix sugar, cocoa powder and egg.
- Do not whisk too much. Add flour and biscoff chunks. Fold in the batter.
- Spread in a 6-inch square tin lined with baking paper.
- Drop dollops of biscoff spread intermittently and make swirls with a toothpick.
- Bake in a preheated oven at 170°C for 20-25 minutes.
- Take it out and let it cool completely. Slice and serve.



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Try it out

BISCOFF CHEESECAKE

Base Ingredients

- 150 gm Lotus Biscoff or any digestive biscuits.
- 2 tbsp castor sugar
- 30 gm unsalted melted butter

Method

- Preheat the oven to 180°C.
- Line a 50-inch spring form pan with butter.
- Pulse the biscuits, butter and sugar so that the mixture holds its shape when held in the fist.
- Spread the mixture evenly in the pan, and press with the back of a spoon.
- Bake for 8-10 minutes.

Filling Ingredients

- 450 gm cream cheese, 30 gm hung curd, 100 gm sugar, 1 tbsp flour, 2 tbsp milk, Vanilla essence, 2 tsp lemon juice (optional)

Method

- Beat creamcheese, hung curd and sugar for 2 minutes.
- Mix in flour, and add milk and vanilla. Do no beat too much.
- Add lemon juice and mix.

Baking instructions

- Remove the pan from the oven and let it cool. Cover the base with aluminum foil.
- Pour the filling and tap a bit.
- Place the pan in a bigger pan and put it into the preheated oven. Fill the bigger pan halfway with boiling water.
- Bake for 50 minutes at 170°C.
- Take it out of the oven and let it cool. It tastes best when rested overnight.
- Spread Lotus Biscoff spread on top when you are ready to serve. Sprinkle crushed biscoff for extra crunch.

Recipes courtesy: Tanupriya Gupta, owner, Morsel of Memories

CITY READ

Haifa Day celebrations in city

Haifa Day was celebrated on Sept. 23 at the Mysore Lancers Memorial located at JC Nagar, near TV Tower. Three communities – the Urs, Maratha and Rajputs, gathered to pay respects to their forefathers who laid down their lives. It was on this day in the year 1918 during the World War I, when Mysore Lancers, which was part of the 15th (Imperial Service) Cavalry Brigade, defeated the Ottoman Empire and the Germans in the port city of Haifa. For the occasion, former Bengaluru Police commissioner Bhaskar Rao, descendent of Mysore Lancers, laid a wreath at JC Nagar, near TV Tower.

Online creativity festival for children

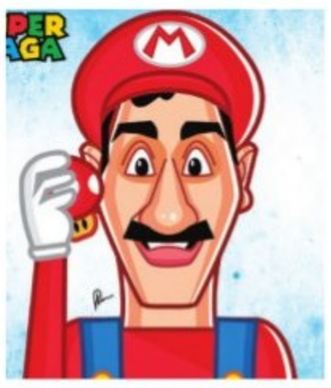
Uable, a Bengaluru-based life skill development platform, has announced an online creativity festival on Saturday, Sept. 26. Parents and children will experience a masterclass by actor Kalki Koechlin and a talk by child psychologist and professor Dr Jonathan Cohen. The event will also include a workshop on 'Art of Creative Thinking' by art educator Anisha Mandhania.

CELEB APPEAL: ALL FIGURED OUT

• **Vidya Iyengar**

If there was some distraction for netizens from the pall of gloom during the lockdown, it was comedian Danish Sait's fictional characters that brought alive stereotypes. And Bengaluru artist **Prasad Bhat**, who has been following the comedian-host since his days at a radio station as a prankster, decided to do a caricature of his, which has caught the attention of netizens, gaining over 3,000 likes. "While watching his videos, one of Ramamuthy's (an uncle character played by Sait) looks reminded me of Mario. It then suddenly struck me that I could do a mash up of Ramamurthy and Mario," he says. "We grew up playing Super Mario and hearing the words 'maga' in Bangalore. So combining the two, I turned it into Super Maga," says Prasad who made the caricature on Tuesday. "The decision to make the caricature was impulsive," says the artist who runs Graphicurry and has been into this for over a decade.

The artist has also recently made caricatures of Kangana Ranaut and Rihanna, which got over 8,000 and 4,000 likes, respectively. When Bhat does these caricatures, he looks at making it light-hearted. "It's important that the person is recognised at the first go," he says, adding that the biggest challenge is convincing a client it really is their portrait.



I loved the caricature made by Prasad. My childhood was enveloped in Mario and Luigi

—**Danish Sait,** actor

When he showed it to Sait, who is currently in Dubai for the IPL, Sait was glad to be a part of Prasad's world.

Bhat has gained popularity with his creations and was in the social media limelight when Anushka Sharma shared a picture of her watching *Paatal Lok* on Instagram. Along with the photograph, the caricature of her wedding portrait in the background made by Bhat, went viral too. The work even caught the eye of fellow Bollywood actor Jacqueline Fernandez, who commented, "That cute wedding caricature!!". He has also made a caricature of Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh's wedding photograph.

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The comedy thriller directed by Raghavendra M Naik stars Diganth and Sangeetha Sringeri in the lead roles, and its shooting is going on in Bengaluru

MARIGOLD SETS COME ALIVE AGAIN

● CE Features

Diganth, who has been in and out of the Central Crime Branch office over the drugs issues, is also devoting his time and focus to his film shooting. The actor, popularly known as *Doodhpeda* of the Kannada industry, resumed work on his upcoming comedy-thriller, *Marigold*, on Sept. 18. Now, the latest to join the sets of the film directed by Raghavendra M Naik is heroine Sangeetha Sringeri. The makers have shared a few pictures from the sets. The movie also features Yash Shetty and Sudhi, who got popular for his role as Cockroach in *Tagaru*. The team, which had completed shooting a chunk of portions in March, is now completing the remaining scenes. They had planned an 18-day schedule and are now left with 12 more days of shooting, which will be done entirely in Bengaluru.

Director Raghavendra is a good friend of Diganth from Kundapur, and has 15 years of experience in the film industry. He is now making his directorial debut with *Marigold*. The film, made under the banner of RV Creations, is produced by Raghuvardhan. Its dialogues have been written by Raghu Niduvalli while Veer Samarth composing the music, and Chandrashekar handling the cinematography.

Diganth also has Nagaraj Bethur's *Huttuhabada Subhashayagalu* ready for release, and will also be seen in a pivotal role in Santhosh Anandram's directorial, *Yuvarathnaa*, which stars Puneeth Rajkumar in the lead role. The actor's next project after *Marigold* will be Vijay Kodsara's yet-to-be-titled project, which will have him sharing the screen space with Aindrita Ray and Ranjini Raghavan. He will then take up the shooting of the Kannada remake of the Telugu film, *Evaru*. Meanwhile, he is waiting to resume the shooting for Yogaraj Bhat's *Gaalipata 2*. The film, produced by Ramesh Reddy, also features actor Ganesh and Pawan Kumar in the cast.

Raghavendra M Naik, Diganth, Sudhi and Yash Shetty

Ayushmann Khurrana 'humbled' to be named in Time's 100 most influential people list

● CE Features

Actor Ayushmann Khurrana says he is humbled to be mentioned in the Time's 100 most influential people list of 2020. Along with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Google CEO Sundar Pichai, the list also includes Oscar-winning director Bong Joon-ho, singers Selena Gomez and The Weekend, Fleabag creator Phoebe Waller-Bridge and British actor Michaela Coel. Other mentions from India include 82-year-old Bilkis 'Dadi' of Shaheen Bagh and Indian-origin doctor and professor Ravindra Gupta.

Speaking about the honour, Ayushmann said, "I'm truly humbled with the recognition that TIME has bestowed on me. As an artiste, I have only looked to contribute towards bringing a positive change in society through cinema and this moment is a huge validation of my belief system and my journey. I have always believed that cinema has the power to bring about change by triggering the right conversations among people and society. Hopefully, through my content choices, I have been able to contribute towards my country and countrymen."

Ayushmann's last release was *Gulabo Sitabo* (on Amazon Prime). He won the National Film Award earlier this year for his performance in *Badhaai Ho* (2019).

Yash doubles his daily workout regime for KGF 2

● CE Features

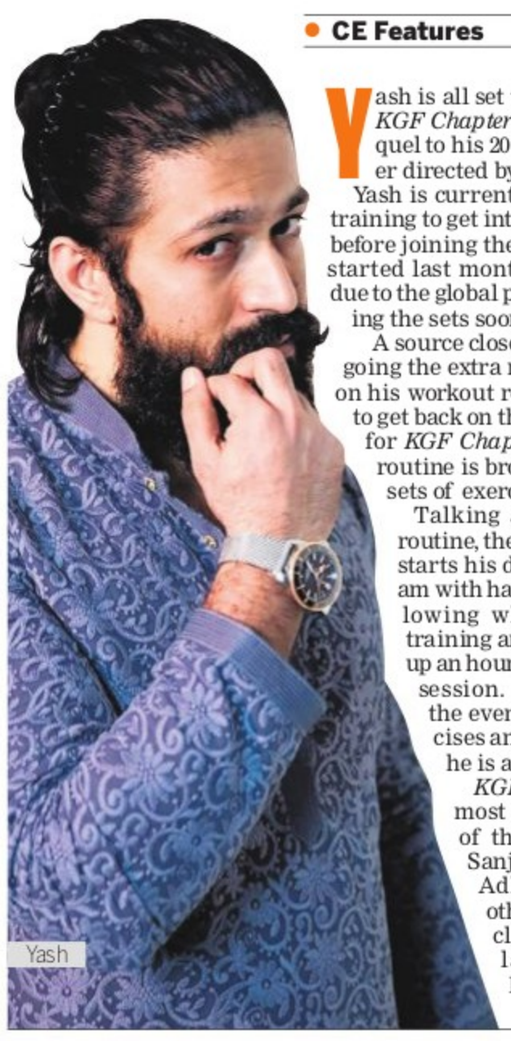
Yash is all set to get back to the sets of *KGF Chapter 2*, the much-awaited sequel to his 2018 pan-Indian blockbuster directed by Prashanth Neel

Yash is currently undergoing intensive training to get into the best shape possible before joining the shooting, which finally started last month after multiple delays due to the global pandemic. He will be joining the sets soon.

A source close to Yash shares, "Yash is going the extra mile and has doubled up on his workout routines while preparing to get back on the sets and start shooting for *KGF Chapter 2*. His daily workout routine is broken down into different sets of exercises."

Talking about the actor's daily routine, the source continues, "Yash starts his day super early around 6 am with half an hour of cardio. Following which he starts weight training and ab workouts that take up an hour and then another cardio session. Yash also works out in the evening with different exercises and heavy weight training, he is also on a very strict diet."

KGF Chapter 2 is one of the most highly anticipated films of the year and will also see Sanjay Dutt essay the role of Adheera in the film. The other actors in the film include Srinidhi Shetty, Malavika Avinash, and Raveena Tandon.



Yash

'IT'S AN HONOUR TO SHARE SCREEN SPACE WITH UPENDRA IN KABZA'

.. says Anup Revanna, who is also happy to get associated with R Chandru; the actor plays a prominent role in the gangster drama

● A Sharadhaa

Anup Revanna has bagged his third film, and it's a big one for him. The son of politician H M Revanna, who was earlier seen in *Laxmana* and *Panta*, has now got a role in R Chandru's gangster period drama, *Kabza*, in which he is excited to share screen space with Upendra. The much talked about pan-Indian film, which stars Upendra as an underworld don, will feature Anup in the role of a gangster.

"I have been instructed not to reveal much about my character. All I can say is that I get to play a prominent role and I am acting alongside Upendra. This a film based on a fictionalised underworld subject, which has me explore a unique character," says Anup, who adds that *Kabza* is a big project for him. "I have watched Upendra's work as a director and actor, and I think he is a filmmaker who has good technical knowledge. I get to learn a lot by just watching him act. He is like a mentor on the sets. Secondly, I share a good rapport with director Chandru, with whom I worked in *Laxmana*. Overall, *Kabza* is giving me a good opportunity," he says.

Anup wears a retro look in *Kabza*, which is also one of the reasons for his inability to begin shooting for new movies until he finishes this one. "I might resume shooting for *Kabza* in October-end, " says the actor, who has been trained at the New York Film Academy. Anup, in the meanwhile, is finalising on his next projects. "I am in discussions with a couple of filmmakers, and one of the projects will be a horror film," he says.

Anup Revanna

R Chandru

A still from Kabza

A charming character tries to propel a not-so-charming film

● Sudhir Srinivasan

Enola Holmes, the film based on Nancy Springer's series of books, begins with much vitality. The eponymous protagonist, the most anonymous of the three Holmes siblings, is a teenager speeding on her bike through the lush fields of Victorian England, as composer Daniel Pemberton captures her spirit through his track, Wild Child. Even without Enola having to break the fourth wall, her energy and cheer comes through. It further helps that the actor Millie Bobby Brown—who you may know for playing Eleven from Stranger Things—plays this character with plenty of abandon and while another actor may have come across as being almost corny with all the fourth wall-breaking, it is much credit to her that she sells it all with conviction and an infectiously sunny persona. The role of Enola Holmes should cement the actor's ability to be at the centre of a film and hold it together, all by herself. We learn quite early that the character, Enola, is a spirited, sensitive girl in the mould of her mother, Eudoria Holmes (Helena Bonham Carter, who could play these eccentric characters in her sleep). As is the case with the Sherlockian universe, no sooner do we begin to learn about Enola than we are hurtled into a mysterious case. Here, it concerns two disappearances—one of Eudoria and the other of a marquess.

Enola Holmes is what you would get if you added liberal dosages of feminism into a Sherlock Holmes case, a rather underwhelming one at that. The feminism in this film is not just admirable for intent but also for how seamlessly it's woven into the Holmes investigation at the centre of this film. Despite this paean to womanhood being sung from start to finish in this film, not for a minute does it feel forced. It begins when Enola is raised by a woman in rebellion against the suppressive rules of a Victorian society. Enola goes on to understand her mother better and even herself better as she struggles to belong in a system that ridicules her for her bosom size and condemns her to education—read imprisonment—so she can learn how to become worthy of a male partner.

If you are familiar with the *Game of Thrones* universe, you will draw many parallels with Arya Stark—without, of course, her famous murderous streak. Many features of the Victorian era Enola is stuck in, like its ideas of what constitutes education for women, are mocked in this film. The corset comes in for special ridicule from Enola, who does eventually find an amusing use for it. She gets into disguise twice in this film, and her choice of clothes both times is an indictment of the treatment of women during the time. The first time, she blends into London society as a corset-wearing rule-abiding woman, and the second time, seeking no interruptions from men, she dresses up as a widow.

RATING 3/5

While on London, this is a film that thrives in the outdoors. From the lush fields at the beginning of the film to train journeys in private carriages to the cacophony of London life, Enola Holmes makes for an intricate sensory experience. Perhaps it's the private conversations of two teenagers inside a train carriage, perhaps it's the story of a teenager learning to belong in a new world, or perhaps it's the music that evokes a sense of wonder... it was hard not to be reminded of the spirit of the Harry Potter franchise. And much like those films, Enola Holmes too feels made for the theatre experience. The television seemed to stifle the visual and audio scape of this film, and a mobile phone, I dare say, would further the assault this film, whose sights and sounds of Victorian England are among its strengths. An important idea in this film too is drawn from its Victorian setting, with some of its beneficiaries being shown unable to make peace with the impending evolution their society is about to undergo.

This spirited film is admirable for its righteous political and feminist views, but nevertheless, is still one that loses charm as it goes. Even at two hours, it feels overlong, and fails to sustain the high spirits of its initial portions, even as it grapples with the challenges of bringing in the thrills of a detective thriller. Unfortunately, even rudimentary familiarity with the Sherlockian universe is enough to help you see the twists coming from a mile away. The red herrings, the deliberate misdirections... it's all predictable and makes it all a bit of a drag. Also, on account of your investment in Enola—and her multiple relationships, including that of her mother and her two brothers—there is not much time to focus on the marquess case at at the heart of this film. The listlessness grows despite the best efforts of Enola, who continues to break the fourth wall, but what initially seemed like a pretty charming device of viewer engagement begins to feel like cheap manipulation to win your attention—like in that scene when Enola is almost drowning to death, but then, winks at the camera before wriggling herself out of her situation. In a sense, it feels almost like a metaphor for the film struggling to stay afloat.

As you may have gleaned by now, I did not particularly find Enola Holmes, the film, to be riveting, but I found myself caring quite a bit for Enola Holmes, the character, partly due to the lively portrayal by Brown. I liked that a teenage girl is all by herself, trying to break out of limiting social conventions during a particularly oppressive time. I enjoyed that the said teenager accomplishes what many seasoned criminals only dream of: winning the respect of Sherlock Holmes (Henry Cavill). Above all, after the deluge of Sherlock content that has come over the years—you know films and series that romanticise the coldly analytical side of the character—it is a relief to see another character showing a talent for crime solving but without having to compromise on her emotional side. Sherlock might say, "Emotion is understandable, but unnecessary", but as Enola shows, even he is susceptible to its charms. Mainly for this reason—and for Brown's charms as an actor—I look forward to seeing more of Enola, but hopefully, she will be solving more interesting cases.

Director: Harry Bradbeer

Cast: Millie Bobby Brown, Louis Partridge, Henry Cavill, Helena Bonham Carter, Sam Claflin